



Policing & Community
Safety Partnership

making Derry & Strabane safer

Annual Report

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Foreword by PCSP Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

As Chair and Vice Chair of Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) we would like at the outset, to offer our thanks to all our PCSP colleagues; elected, independent and designated who have ensured that our year has been both strategic and productive, helping to deliver positive change in our communities. This has been an extremely challenging, unique but busy 12 months for our PCSP and we have remained at the forefront in delivering local solutions to local issues. Officers and members have been fully immersed in the development of the Strategic Growth Plan and the eight associated Local Growth Plans. This has been achieved through a strong partnership approach with both our community and statutory organisations.

Our PCSP operates with a budget of £710,461 with the annual allocation from the Joint Committee of £452,596, leveraging an additional £234,397 from our partners in Apex Housing, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Department for Communities, NI Housing Executive, Public Health Agency (PHA), The Executive Office (TEO) and Ulster University (Magee). This external funding support has ensured the continuation of the Community Safety Warden Scheme and the ongoing development of the CCTV system.

Two community and voluntary groups across the city and district were provided with £17,560 of small project support via open call and eight Local Growth Partnerships were awarded £181,600 via the consensual grant aid model to deliver initiatives on youth diversion, drug and alcohol awareness, embedding a culture of lawfulness, intergenerational issues, cross community projects and domestic and sexual violence awareness, and Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) etc. These groups provide a vital service in our communities and are greatly assisted by the support provided by the PCSP.

Over the past year the PCSP has provided 174 homes with additional home safety equipment, and we will continue to assist householders to make homes more secure.

Our PCSP will continue to raise issues of public concern in the context of improving policing service for our all our residents. We play a key role in creating safer, shared and more confident communities and it is evident that we have played a crucial part in reducing fear of crime and tackling anti-social behaviour in our district and we will continue to build on this.

2025/26 has been another year when our Partnership was tested but one where we continued to take major steps forward in community engagement and development of partnerships with residents, police and partner agencies. We are confident that the Partnership has the commitment and skills to further develop the work already delivered and we will continue to build and enhance delivery into our neighbourhoods and villages by helping to create safer, shared and vibrant communities throughout our city and district.

Alderman Keith Kerrigan, PCSP Chair



Karl Duncan, PCSP Vice Chair



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Section 1

Background

What is the Derry & Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership?

On 25th June 2015 Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) came into existence replacing the previous Strabane PCSP and Derry PCSP. The membership consists of political members (elected councillors), independent members (appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board) and designated bodies (designated by the NI Assembly). The seven designated bodies are Police Service of NI (PSNI), NI Housing Executive (NIHE), NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS), Youth Justice Agency (YJA), Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHST), Education Authority for NI (EANI) and Probation Board for NI (PBNi). The Partnership was reconstituted on 15th June 2020 with nine new independent members appointed by the NI Policing Board.

Areas of Responsibility

The PCSP's accountability and responsibility is based on the four core themes of:

- **Consulting and engaging** - with the local community on issues that impact on policing and community safety. Each PCSP also has a Policing Committee which has a distinct responsibility to provide views to the local PSNI District Commander and the NI Policing Board on policing matters.
- **Identifying and prioritising** - the particular issues of concern and preparing plans for how these can be tackled.
- **Monitoring** - both the performance of police and the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan and working to gain the co-operation of the public with police in preventing crime.
- **Delivering** - a reduction in crime and enhancing community safety in local issues directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

Representation on the PCSP

To ensure Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership is representative of the demographic profile of the Council area, the membership has been drawn from all sections of the community, based on the results of the 2021 census.¹

Using information from the 2021 Census, and other data to ensure the PCSP's representative make-up, Derry and Strabane PCSP membership is currently 68.4% Catholic and 31.6% Protestant. The 2021 Census shows the religious profile of the Council area as 68% Catholic, 32% Protestant, 1% Other Religions and 10% no religion. Derry and Strabane PCSP has eight female members (42%) and eleven (58%) male members which is not broadly reflective of the gender make-up of the Council area – the 2021 Census gives the gender make-up of the Council area as 49% male and 51% female.

¹ NI Census, NISRA, 2021

PCSP Members

Following the Local Government Elections of May 2023 Derry City and Strabane District Council has 40 elected representatives comprising 18 Sinn Féin, 8 SDLP, 5 DUP, 3 UUP, 5 Independent and 1 People Before Profit members.

The Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gave local councils the authority to determine the size of its PCSP. Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership has a membership of 26 representatives, 10 members of the Partnership are nominated by parties from the elected members of Derry City and Strabane District Council with nine independent members being made up of community activists with a special interest in policing and community safety and seven representatives from bodies designated by the NI Assembly. The independent members are appointed by the NI Policing Board after a public appointment process. To ensure democratic accountability all PCSPs have one more Political Member than they have Independent Members. Only the independent and elected members attend the PCSP Policing Committee.

The elected members of Derry and Strabane PCSP changed following the Local Government Election, which was held in May 2023. The table below illustrates the elected members of the PCSP for the period 01.04.25 to 31.03.26.

Elected Members 01.04.25 to 31.03.26

Councillor John Boyle (SDLP)
Councillor Sandra Duffy (Sinn Féin)
Alderman Darren Guy (UUP)
Alderman Keith Kerrigan (DUP) - PCSP Chair from July 2025
Councillor Fergal Leonard (Sinn Féin)
Councillor Christopher Jackson (Sinn Féin)
Councillor Emma McGinley (Sinn Féin)
Alderman Niree McMorris (DUP)
Councillor Antaine Ó Fearghail (Sinn Féin)
Councillor Martin Reilly (SDLP) – PCSP Chair up to July 2025



Some of the members of Derry and Strabane PCSP pictured with Alderman Keith Kerrigan (Chair), and Karl Duncan (Vice-Chair).

The table below illustrates the independent members of the PCSP for the period 01.04.25 to 31.03.26. Please note new independent members were appointed to Derry and Strabane PCSP from 01/04/24.

Independent Members 01.04.25 to 31.03.26

Michaela Boyle - Member until 26/09/25
 Marie Brown
 Cathal Crumley
 Karl Duncan - PCSP Vice Chair from July 2025
 David Jackson
 Karen McLaughlin
 Patrick McGonagle
 Beverly Simpson - Member from February 2026
 Alison Wallace
 Linda Watson - PCSP Vice Chair until July 2025

Designated Organisations

Seven designated bodies are represented on Derry and Strabane PCSP, which are designated by the NI Assembly. The table below illustrates the named representative from each designated organisation.

Representative	Designated Organisation
Carey McKee Eddie Doherty/Caroline Quigley Chief Superintendent Gillian Kearney Commander Bryan McCaul Paul Ryan Denise Stewart Declan Gallagher	Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHST) Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) Youth Justice Agency (YJA) Probation Board of Northern Ireland (PBNI) Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI)



Any PCSP member may be contacted by contacting the PCSP office in the first instance.

Profile of the District

• Regional Status

Derry City and Strabane District Council area is situated between the Sperrin Mountains and the Donegal Hills and straddles the River Foyle. The city of Derry/Londonderry is recognised as the regional capital for the North West of Ireland in both the Regional Development Strategy (NI) and the National Development Plan (ROI). It is the third largest urban settlement in Northern Ireland, with an urban population of approximately 85,000, and is the fifth largest on the island of Ireland. The Council area is approximately 1,245 square km with a population of 150,756. 71% of the council's population lives in urban areas with the remaining 29% residing in rural areas. The Council has seven district electoral areas (DEAs): Derg, Sperrin, Faughan, Ballyarnett, Foyle, The Moor and Waterside.

The city also plays a wider role within the North West as a regional transportation, health, education, tourism and entertainment hub. Its hinterland includes the neighbouring districts of Limavady, Magherafelt and East Donegal. The population of this wider North West region is in excess of 300,000.

• Population Statistics

Derry City and Strabane District Council is the fifth largest of the 11 district councils in Northern Ireland. The Council area has a population of 150,756². This population is made up of 49% male and 51% female with approximately 106,000 living within the urban areas. The Council area also has a very youthful population with 20% aged under 14 and 31% aged 15-39.

The overall population of the Council area is projected to decrease to 145,852 by 2041. By 2041, the number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase to 35,150 resulting in this age category making up almost a quarter (24.1%) of the overall Council population.

Life expectancy for those living in the Council area is 78.0 for males and 82.4 for females which has increased by 1.3 years for males and 0.1 years for females since 2009.³

When compared to the other 11 council areas, Derry City and Strabane District Council area ranks as the second most deprived district in NI and ranks highest in employment deprivation. The Council area has five of the 10 most deprived Super Output Areas in NI (East, Creevagh2, Strand1, Diamond and Creggan Central 1).

In terms of education the area has eight nursery schools with 511 pupils, 23 pre-schools with 384 pupils, 69 primary schools with 16,093 pupils, 2 schools for children with additional needs with 440 pupils and 14 post primary schools with 11,897 pupils. In total there are 116 schools with 29,325 pupils enrolled.

² NISRA 2021 Census Data

³ Derry City and Strabane District Council Vital Statistics

Local Crime Figures ⁴

The following table details crime statistics for the Derry and Strabane PSNI District (2025/26) and provides a direct comparison with the previous year (2024/25).

Recorded Crime and Crime Outcomes - Rolling 12 Months to 28 February 2026

Derry City and Strabane Published 26 March 2026		Police Recorded Crime				Sanction Outcomes (number)		Sanction Outcomes (Rate, %)		
Crime type	Mar'24- Feb'25	Mar'25- Feb'26	change	% change	Mar'24- Feb'25	Mar'25- Feb'26	Mar'24- Feb'25	Mar'25- Feb'26	% point change	
VICTIM-BASED CRIME										
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	4,815	4,465	-350	-7.3	1,357	1,113	28.2	24.9	-3.3	
Violence with injury (including homicide & death/serious injury by unlawful driving)	1,504	1,385	-119	-7.9	497	411	33.0	29.7	-3.4	
Violence without injury	2,058	1,816	-242	-11.8	622	482	30.2	26.5	-3.7	
Stalking & Harassment	1,253	1,264	11	0.9	238	220	19.0	17.4	-1.6	
SEXUAL OFFENCES	402	405	3	0.7	41	62	10.2	15.3	5.1	
ROBBERY	44	37	-7	-	9	11	20.5	29.7	9.3	
Robbery of personal property	44	29	-15	-	9	8	20.5	27.6	7.1	
Robbery of business property	0	8	8	-	0	3	-	37.5	-	
THEFT OFFENCES	1,832	1,744	-88	-4.8	461	300	25.2	17.2	-8.0	
Burglary	241	199	-42	-17.4	43	39	17.8	19.6	1.8	
Theft from the person	14	38	24	-	1	2	7.1	5.3	-1.9	
Vehicle offences	177	139	-38	-21.5	63	45	35.6	32.4	-3.2	
Bicycle theft	20	18	-2	-	2	2	10.0	11.1	1.1	
Shoplifting	603	536	-67	-11.1	293	155	48.6	28.9	-19.7	
All other theft offences	777	814	37	4.8	59	57	7.6	7.0	-0.6	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1,444	1,391	-53	-3.7	326	227	22.6	16.3	-6.3	
OTHER CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY										
DRUG OFFENCES	699	636	-63	-9.0	578	496	82.7	78.0	-4.7	
Trafficking of controlled drugs	107	120	13	12.1	75	82	70.1	68.3	-1.8	
Possession of drugs	592	516	-76	-12.8	503	414	85.0	80.2	-4.7	
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	116	114	-2	-1.7	60	50	51.7	43.9	-7.9	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	98	117	19	19.4	46	46	46.9	39.3	-7.6	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	367	386	19	5.2	151	157	41.1	40.7	-0.5	
TOTAL POLICE RECORDED CRIME	9,817	9,315	-502	-5.1	3,029	2,464	30.9	26.5	-4.4	

Overall recorded crime for the Council area for 2025/26 decreased by 5.1% which equates to 502 less recorded crimes in the city and district. This percentage decrease is greater than the NI figure which saw recorded crime reduce by 2,231 (-2.3%) when compared with the previous 12 months.

The level of crime recorded across Northern Ireland in 2025/26 is the lowest since the start of the data series in 1998/99.

Anti-Social Behaviour for the Council area decreased by 3.5% when compared to the number of recorded ASB incidents for 2024/25. In 2025/26 there were 3,406 incidents of ASB recorded by PSNI as compared to 3,530 recorded incidents for 2024/25 – a decrease of 124. This decrease is greater than the overall NI figures, which had a decrease of 0.4% (178 incidents) over the same period, with 44,076 incidents of ASB recorded across Northern Ireland in 2025/26 compared to 44,254 in 2024/25. Northern Ireland's 2025/26 ASB figure is the lowest financial year figure since the data series began in 2006/07. Typically, ASB is higher for the first six months of the year (April to September) and then reduces significantly from October to March.

⁴ Crime Summary Derry City and Strabane PSNI, March 2026

Section 2 – Our Strategic Priorities

The principal functions and processes carried out by Derry and Strabane PCSP over the last year are based on the core themes of the Partnership and Consultation as set out in the strategic priorities, as agreed by the Joint Committee.

PCSP Strategic Priorities as set out by the Joint Committee



Strategic Objective 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:

- Carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners/agencies, businesses and the community and 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 and 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.
- Increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.



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

- 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.
- 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.



Strategic Objective 3: To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities:

- 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.
- 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.

PCSPs across Northern Ireland received annual funding (£4.25m in 2025/26) from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

There have been many examples of good practice highlighted to Joint Committee by PCSPs throughout the 2025/26 year which showcase the good work being carried out on the ground. Joint Committee has also provided support to PCSPs to use an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) as a more consistent and better means of measuring impact and improving transparency and accountability in the delivery of their work in local communities.

Derry and Strabane PCSP is now routinely using all aspects of OBA in its work, with an Action Plan being completed using indicator and performance measure information; a project card template being used for each initiative and thematic report cards being submitted to Joint Committee every quarter from a governance perspective.

The Joint Committee developed PCSP planning guidance which incorporates the following:

- Information on the Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) process;
- An Action Plan template which includes a review and summary synopsis to capture the rationale for continuing, amending or not progressing projects from one year to another;
- A set of agreed performance measures for generic projects; A project card template to be completed for each initiative; A thematic report card template to be used to help highlight impact at a more strategic level;
- A framework showing how the work of PCSPs and their use of Outcome Based Approach supports the common Programme for Government Outcome 7 - 'We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other'.

Section 3 – Our Engagement

Under the 2025/26 PCSP Action Plan, approved by the Joint Committee, Derry and Strabane PCSP delivered initiatives both directly and indirectly in local communities to reduce crime, tackle anti-social behaviour and combat fear of crime.



Derry and Strabane PCSP directly manages the **Community Safety Warden Scheme**. The scheme has three elements created to address issues of low level anti-social and nuisance behaviour in the educational precinct, the rural villages and the four neighbourhood renewal areas in Derry:

1. The Northland Community Safety Warden Scheme:

This element is focussed primarily on the educational precinct and has been established since 2007. It is funded by the Ulster University, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Derry and Strabane PCSP through its Action Plan, with office accommodation provided by NIFRS at its Northland Road Fire Station. The scheme employs three wardens who work from Sunday to Thursday from 8pm to 3am and their primary focus is on the educational precinct in the Derry urban area. Increasingly this team are dealing with vulnerability and welfare concerns, especially along the Foyle riverfront.

2. The City Community Safety Warden Scheme:

This element operates primarily in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas of Outer North, Outer West, Waterside and Triax. The scheme has been established since 2009 and is funded by Derry City and Strabane District Council, NIHE and Dept. for Communities. The scheme employs six wardens who work from 12noon to 5pm Monday to Wednesday and from 5.30pm to 3.00am Thursday to Sunday.

3. The Rural Community Safety Warden Scheme:

This element operates primarily in the rural villages of Park/Claudy, Eglinton, Newbuildings and Strathfoyle/Maydown and has been established since 2010. The scheme is funded by Derry City and Strabane District Council. The scheme employs two wardens who work from 12noon to 5pm Monday to Wednesday and from 5.30pm to 3.00am Thursday to Sunday. From October 2024, this team also provides ad-hoc cover in the Derg, Sperrin and Strabane Town areas.

4. The Derg/Sperrin/Strabane Town Scheme:

This element of the scheme was operational up to October 2023, when a shortfall in funding meant that this scheme had to be absorbed into the existing community safety warden schemes. It operated across a wide geographical area and includes the towns and villages of Donemana, Artigarvan, Strabane, Sion Mills, Clady, Castlederg and Newtownstewart. This scheme was funded jointly by Derry City and Strabane District Council and NIHE. These areas are now covered on an ad-hoc basis by the Rural Community Safety Warden Scheme.

Our Engagement 2025/26

The Community Safety Wardens provide reassurance to residents primarily through their visible presence, but also through a communication process operating between statutory, community and voluntary agencies to address these issues. The Community Safety Wardens provide information talks to community groups, schools, elderly residents and housing association on the service they provide and how they can be contacted.

The Community Safety Wardens also have access to three branded vehicles and three bicycles for transport and attend local community safety forums on a regular basis with the PCSP's community partners in PSNI, NIHE and other housing associations.

During 2025/26 the Community Safety Warden scheme dealt with 1,142 referrals. Of these referrals 58% emanated from the public (657 referrals) and the other 42% (763 referrals) came from other statutory and voluntary partners. The Community Safety Wardens also carried out 15,182 patrols of ASB hotspot areas during this year.

The PSNI District Commander has recognised the important role that the Community Safety Wardens have played in helping to tackle ASB and reducing the fear of crime in the council area especially among our most vulnerable and elderly residents.

All the warden teams attend regular meetings of the Community Safety Forums/Teams with PSNI Neighbourhood Officers, NIHE patch managers, community representatives and local councillors where they feed back to residents in relation to safety issues and local concerns. The wardens also regularly engage with local schools, community groups and elderly resident's groups and deliver presentations on community safety and the impact of ASB on the wider community.

All wardens are first aid and defibrillator trained and have completed their PACE (Policing and Criminal Evidence) training. They are also trained in water safety, which was delivered by Foyle Search & Rescue.



The Community Safety Wardens pictured at a range of events over 2025/26, including: a bogus callers awareness event in Park; Health and Wellbeing Day in Caw; Newtown Stewart Safety Talk, Anti-Social Awareness Event with APEX Housing and an event with new students in Duncreggan Student Village



Derry and Strabane PCSP continued to deliver the Safer Homes Initiative during 2025/26. The scheme provides and arranges fitting of home safety equipment for elderly and vulnerable residents who often feel isolated and experience a heightened fear of crime. Derry and Strabane PCSP secured support under the PCSP Action Plan to purchase oil tank locks, door locks, padlocks, window locks, wheelie bin locks, door bars, sensor lights etc. which are disseminated to residents on recommendations from community groups, community safety wardens, PSNI, Victim Support, Women's Aid and PCSP members.

During 2025/26, 174 homes in the city and district were supplied and fitted with additional home safety equipment through Derry and Strabane PCSP.



PCSP Chair, Alderman Keith Kerrigan, pictured at one of two trailer marking events which were supported by the PCSP during 2025/26.



Over the past 12 months Derry and Strabane PCSP delivered a number of awareness campaigns to increase local understanding on a range of crime and community safety issues. These campaigns were delivered in partnership to highlight ongoing concerns in relation to the domestic violence, retail/business crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, farm and home safety, burglary prevention etc.



PCSP supported a UFU event in Victoria Bridge in February aimed at tackling rural crime.



PCSP Chair Alderman Keith Kerrigan pictured with two of the Community Safety Wardens at an Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) event in February in the Fir Trees Hotel in Strabane.

Pictured right: Alderman Kerrigan with Marie Brown from Foyle Women's Aid at an event in the Guildhall in December.



During last year Derry and Strabane PCSP actively promoted the concept of Neighbourhood Watch as a local initiative to reduce crime and increase community safety in the Council area. During this period a number of new schemes were established in the council area with a total of 44 schemes now operational covering approximately 3,500 homes. The PCSP continues to produce the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter and meetings for co-ordinators continue on a quarterly basis.



Young people tackle domestic abuse in powerful comic book

Story told entirely through the eyes of local teenagers

Derry and Strabane PCSP is proud to have supported the creation of an innovative comic book that tackles domestic abuse entirely through the eyes of young people.

Created by teenagers from across the district, it is set to spark vital conversations in local schools and youth clubs about unhealthy relationships, coercive control, and where to turn for help.

PCSP Chair Alderman Keith Kerrigan said the project was one that the partnership was particularly proud to have been part of. "The young people who produced this comic have tackled a sensitive and complex issue with maturity, insight and creativity well beyond their years."

Domestic abuse, whether physical, emotional or digital, remains a serious concern within our community, and this resource will help young people understand that support is available and that they should never hesitate to seek help.

"I want to congratulate every participant and partner organisation involved - their combined effort has produced something truly powerful."

The project was funded by the NI Executive's Programme on Paramilitary and Organised Crime and Derry and Strabane PCSP and was launched at a ceremony in the Guildhall, attended by Justice Minister Naomi Long, Junior Minister Joanne Blaney, Deputy Chief Constable Bobby Singleton, and Mayor of Derry City and Strabane, Councillor Russell McKnight, among many others.

The comic book really highlights the story of what we need to talk about."

Chief Inspector Cheryl Craig, who was involved with the project from the outset, praised the young creators. "They've developed a comic about domestic abuse and how it impacts people their age, which is a real achievement."

+ 6,000 copies have been printed for distribution across local schools and youth clubs, and the comic is also available online at molexnews.com/strabane



Working together to keep communities safe this Spring

Tackling crime and road safety priorities of PCSP

As Spring arrives and we look ahead to the coming months, Derry and Strabane PCSP continues to work in close partnership with the PSNI and community organisations to address safety priorities across our district.

The partnership approach that has been at the heart of our work continues to deliver real results for local communities, from tackling road safety and preventing crime to supporting vulnerable residents and celebrating those who make outstanding contributions to keeping our area safe.

PCSP Chair Keith Kerrigan reflected on the importance of the collaborative work being done across the district. "The success of everything we do depends on strong partnerships and community engagement. Whether it's working with local businesses on safety campaigns, supporting schools, youth organisations and individuals who support our initiatives, or partnering with voluntary organisations to tackle specific issues, we achieve far more together than we ever could alone."

"As we move into Spring and Summer, our focus remains on road safety and preventing crime to support people's daily lives. We're proud of what has been achieved through partnership working, but we know there's always more to do. The commitment and dedication of all our local communities, alongside the professionalism of the PSNI and our partner organisations, gives me great confidence that we can continue to build on our successes and address emerging challenges."

"I want to thank everyone who plays a part in keeping our communities safe - from our Neighbourhood Watch members who are the eyes and ears in local areas, to the businesses, schools, youth organisations and individuals who support our initiatives."

"Your involvement makes all the difference, and I encourage everyone to stay engaged with us to make Derry and Strabane a safer place for all."

The coming months will see PCSP continue to programme targeted safety initiatives, working closely with local communities to address priorities, crime prevention advice, or simply staying informed about local safety initiatives, your involvement helps create the safer communities we all want to live in.

"If you have concerns about safety in your area, we'd like to get involved in local initiatives, or want to find out more about PCSP, please contact your local PCSP representative or visit the council website for more information."



Preparing to celebrate the biggest night of the year

Enjoying Halloween safely right across Derry and Strabane

As Halloween approaches, communities across Derry and Strabane are gearing up for what is undoubtedly one of the most celebrated occasions in our area.

From elaborate spooky displays to neighbourhoods lighting up the streets for trick-or-treating, Halloween holds a special place in the hearts of local families and is deeply woven into our traditions.

However, with such widespread celebrations comes the need for careful preparation to ensure everyone can enjoy the festivities safely.

Derry and Strabane PCSP is working closely with local police to promote safety, awareness and responsible celebration throughout the district.

PCSP Chair Keith Kerrigan emphasised the importance of community cooperation during this busy period. "Halloween is a magical time for families across Derry and Strabane, and we want everyone to enjoy the festivities safely. By working together and being mindful of our neighbours, we can ensure Halloween remains the positive, fun-filled occasion it is."

Police will carry out operations in areas where it's suspected fireworks are being sold illegally, and will encourage anyone with information about illegal fireworks to report it.

Police say that while most people are responsible, they urge everyone to be considerate and mindful of others when it comes to celebrating Halloween.

Remember, you can be fined up to £5,000 for breaking the law in relation to using fireworks legally.

For more information about fireworks licensing, visit www.rndcc.gov.uk/articles/fireworks.

To help ensure everyone stays safe during the festivities, consider ensuring children's costumes are bright or have reflective materials for visibility, accompany young children while trick-or-treating, check all treats before consumption, keep paths well-lit and clear of obstacles for visitors, consider closing battery-operated candles in jack-o'-lanterns instead of real flames, and plan your route in advance, including to familiar, well-lit areas.

PCSP encourages all residents to play their part in making Halloween 2025 memorable for all the right reasons.

By acting responsibly and looking out for our neighbours, we can maintain the positive spirit that makes Halloween such a special time right across the Derry and Strabane district.

Our Engagement 2025/26

The promotion of road safety and the concept of 'Staying Safe on Our Roads' was a priority for our PCSP during 2025/26. The PCSP carried out a number of engagements especially with young adults and school children and partnered with PSNI, NIFRS and local schools to raise awareness of road safety for young drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. The PCSP supported RoadSafe NI in their road safety primary school poster competition and distributed road safety signage and leaflets to many local primary schools.



Among the road safety initiatives supported by the PCSP over the Christmas period was Operation Season's Greetings (above) and a targeted beermat campaign. Distributed in bars across the city and district the beermat campaign was supported by the North West Road Safety Partnership and Strabane BID.



Above left: The PCSP also worked with PSNI to distribute over 800 reflective kits to schoolchildren as the darker evenings set in.

Above: The PCSP Manager and Chair attended the Road Safe NI Primary School Quiz in the Guildhall in January.

Left: A successful Kids' Court took place at Artigarvan PS in March

Our Engagement 2025/26



In partnership with PSNI Roads Policing, Derry and Strabane PCSP delivered a Bikesafe workshop in July 2025. This event gave riders the opportunity to learn more about how to bike safely and included a workshop and “ride-out” with PSNI trained motorcyclists.

In November 2025 PCSP worked with our partners in the North West Road Safety Partnership to deliver a successful RoadSafe Saturday information event at the Guildhall.



Derry & Strabane PCSP continues to deploy Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) across the district. These devices act as a warning to motorists who are driving above the speed limit and act as a visible deterrent. Data is collated and shared with PSNI on request so that PSNI can target follow-up enforcement action in speeding hotspots.



Safe Motoring Presentations were delivered to a total of 911 pupils at six schools by New Driver NI. One presentation was made to 36 young drives at YMCA, and one to 12 young drivers at Currynerin Community Centre. Over 726 students were encouraged to take the New Driver/Road Safe NI Charity road safety pledge. 2,362 copies of the New Driver magazine on road safety were distributed to Year 13 and 14 students across the Council area.

Alderman Keith Kerrigan, PCSP Chair, visits Holy Cross College during the Safe Motoring Presentation delivered to pupils at the Strabane school.



The Safe Motoring Presentation was delivered at Strabane Academy.



Pupils from Lumen Christi College who took part in the Safe Motoring Presentations at their school.



Our Engagement 2025/26

Under the tackling drugs and alcohol theme of the PCSP Action Plan for 2025/26 PCSP delivered a number of initiatives to raise awareness of the negative impact of drugs and alcohol on communities. The PCSP provides drug and alcohol educational boxes to any organisation wishing to highlight the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and the impact it has on our communities.

PCSP also installed a number of RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) Bins across the city and district. This initiative is delivered in partnership with PSNI and PHA. These have proved highly successful in removing harmful drugs from our communities. Since their introduction in 2018, a large quantity of prescription medication and illegal substances have been deposited and removed from the bins.



RAPID Drugs bins locations :

- Ballycolman Community Centre, Strabane
- Ballymagroarty Community Centre, Derry
- Bishop Street Community Centre, Derry
- Glen Development Initiative, Derry
- Hamilton's Spar, Castlederg
- Hamilton's Spar, Newtownstewart
- Haughey's Costcutter, Strabane
- HURT Office, Derry
- Kelly's Spar, Strathfoyle
- McKenna's Spar, Sion Mills
- Northside Village Centre, Derry
- Old Library Trust, Derry
- Pennyburn Youth Club, Derry
- Shantallow Community Residents Association, Derry
- Simon Community (Bonds Hill & Melrose Terrace, Derry)
- Tesco's Lisnagelvin, Derry
- The Gasyard Centre, Derry



Under the small project support allocation, the PCSP provided funding of £11,000 to Have Your Tomorrows (HURT) to provide an intervention service for vulnerable at risk individuals and family members impacted by substance misuse.

The funding allowed HURT to provide addiction counselling services, along with therapeutic services. They also delivered preventative and awareness programmes which consisted of a care plan, listening ear service, complimentary therapy and counselling service.



A Drug Box was presented by PCSP to HURT in May 2025.

Our Engagement 2025/26

Under the Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) theme of the PCSP Action Plan for 2025/26 PCSP delivered a number of initiatives to raise awareness of Violence Against Women and Girls and highlight the dangers of it.

As part of this delivery PCSP provided £8,000 to support the creation of an innovative comic book that tackles domestic abuse entirely through the eyes of young people.

It is set to spark vital conversations in local schools and youth clubs about unhealthy relationships, coercive control, and where to turn for help

‘Our Modern Troubles - The Storm Before The Calm’ was developed by teenagers aged 14 to 17 from schools across the district, working through a series of evening workshops to craft the storyline and design the comic.

It follows two fictional young people who experience domestic abuse across its many forms - physical, verbal, psychological, emotional and sexual - and how, with the support of family, friends and police, they find a way through.

The comic was launched at a ceremony in the Guildhall, attended by Justice Minister Naomi Long, Junior Minister Joanne Bunting, Deputy Chief Constable Bobby Singleton, and Mayor of Derry City and Strabane, Councillor Ruairí McHugh, among many others



Some of the young people involved in the Comic Book project receive a certificate from the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Ruairí McHugh, and the Deputy Chief Constable Bobby Singleton at the ceremony in the Guildhall in March 2026.



In November PCSP was proud to support bringing Theresa Burke to Castlederg High School. Theresa shared the powerful story of her son Kealan with Year 11-14 pupils. Kealan died after taking a methadone overdose and his story delivered an important and unforgettable message about the devastating impact of drugs on individuals, families and communities. This was the first time Theresa has spoken at a school in the Derry and Strabane area.



PCSP Chair, Keith Kerrigan pictured left at Strabane Academy in March this year with the cast of 'I Love You, Mum - I Promise I Won't Die', by The Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation.

The play tells the true story of Daniel Spargo-Mabbs, a 16-year-old who died from an accidental overdose of ecstasy in 2014. Its title comes from the last words Dan said to his mum before leaving the house. The play was performed to 795 students across six schools - Oakgrove Integrated College, Strabane Academy, Lumen Christi College (pictured below), St Cecilia's College, Holy Cross College and Knockavoe School.





Playhouse actors Bekithemba Mboniya and Abby Hagan, with director Niamh Canning, brought the 'Home: Who Gets to Belong?' to five post-primary schools across the city and district.

During February and March 2026, PCSP collaborated with The Playhouse to deliver an innovative educational theatre initiative across local post-primary schools. This project was developed in response to localised increases in recorded hate crimes and anti-social behaviour, aiming to engage young people directly on issues surrounding community safety, systemic intolerance, and social cohesion.

The initiative consisted of a mobile, two-person production titled 'Home: Who Gets to Belong?'. The 60-minute session was equally split between a 30-minute verbatim documentary performance and a 30-minute facilitated restorative discussion.

By interweaving the historical narrative of the global Irish emigration diaspora with the contemporary lived experiences of modern migrants arriving in the Derry and Strabane district, the production directly confronted regional PSNI hate crime statistics. The performance challenged participants to examine local behaviors, explored the boundaries of cultural pride, and equipped students with practical skills for bystander intervention and the safe reporting of hate crimes.



PCSP Chair, Alderman Keith Kerrigan, attended the performance of 'Home: Who Gets to Belong?' when it visited St Patrick's and St Brigid's College in Claudy.

Five post-primary schools - Castlederg High School, St Cecilia's College, Thornhill College, Oakgrove Integrated College, and St Patrick's and St Brigid's College, Claudy - hosted a production of 'Home - Who Gets to Belong?', with 610 students benefitting from the performances.



Oakgrove Integrated College was one of five schools to host the play.

Our Engagement 2025/26

Derry and Strabane PCSP purchased 60 CCTV cameras so that these could be provided to high-risk victims of domestic violence to help them feel safer in their own homes. This initiative is delivered in partnership with PSNI and ASSIST Domestic Violence Advocate.

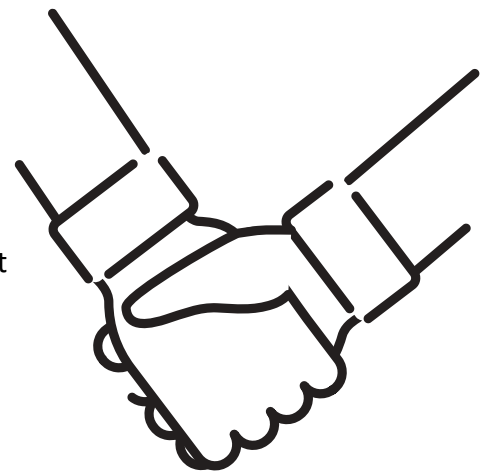


PCSP brought local people together with Neighbourhood Officers for a relaxed, informal day out to Crumlin Road Gaol. This outing was to allow the PSNI officers to engage with local people and allow natural conversations around domestic and personal safety to take place. Building trust between community and local police doesn't always happen in an office or at a meeting. Sometimes taking people to a more relaxed setting can have a real impact.



Throughout the year, Derry and Strabane PCSP actively engaged in lobbying and advocacy on a range of policing, justice and community safety issues, including:

- Writing to the Minister for Justice and the Chief Constable to raise concerns regarding the sustainability of CCTV infrastructure and the need for equitable funding arrangements.
- Writing to the Chief Constable and Garda Commissioner to express concerns following disturbances between Bohemian FC and Derry City FC supporters after a football fixture in Derry.
- Writing to the Minister for Justice urging that solutions be sought to expedite closer working relationships between the Family and Criminal Courts, and calling for the introduction of tougher sentencing as a matter of urgency.
- Writing to the Minister for Justice to highlight PSNI recruitment challenges and the need for adequate funding to address the critical pay issues facing the service.
- Writing to the Minister for Health to express serious concerns regarding the withdrawal of core funding for the Northlands Addiction Treatment Centre in Derry.
- Submitting a formal response to the public consultation on 'Expanding Access to Naloxone: Supply and Emergency Use'.



Our Engagement 2025/26

Derry and Strabane PCSP celebrated a significant achievement at the prestigious 2026 Problem Solving Awards, held in partnership between the Police Service of Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Policing Board, taking top honours in the Policing and Community Safety Partnerships category.

The winning Consensual Grant Making Model has transformed how communities across the district identify and address local safety priorities, empowering grassroots organisations and building stronger relationships between communities and policing.



PCSP Chair Alderman Keith Kerrigan, Vanessa Russell, PCSP Manager, and Karl Duncan, PCSP Vice-Chair accepted the award on behalf of the Partnership. The award acknowledges the vital role played by community groups, Local Growth Partnership members and residents across the district in making the model such a success.

Derry and Strabane PCSP was the first PCSP to establish a Support Hub to share information and deliver tailored support to the most vulnerable in our communities. The Hub is chaired by the PCSP Manager with PSNI, NIFRS, NIHE, YJA, PBNI, NIAS, EANI, A&E, Adult Safeguarding, Children Safeguarding and Mental Health services all attending. Those considered most vulnerable including young people susceptible to paramilitary attack/influence, young people susceptible to organised crime gang influence, repeat victims of ASB, repeat victims of hate crime, older people subject to repeat incidents and repeat victims in general.

Since its establishment in August 2016 the Support Hub has dealt with over 379 referrals. During 2025/26 the Support Hub held 12 meetings and all partner agencies attended.



Members of the Derry and Strabane Support Hub have continued to welcome delegations from HSE and An Garda Síochána during 2025/26. The Derry and Strabane Support Hub is seen as a model of best practice, which means that more partners, especially from HSE and AGS are keen to come and witness and discuss how the Support Hub operates in the area so that they can replicate something similar in their areas.

Section 4 - PCSP Policing Committee

Strategic Objective 3 for the PCSP is to improve community confidence in policing through: ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance; ensuring that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities; ensuring improved policing service delivery in partnership with local communities and ensuring effective engagement with the police and the local community, with specific emphasis on engagement with disadvantaged communities and young people.

Derry City and Strabane

Policing & Community
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H District Commander's Report Card for PCSP Policing Committee

Report Card 25/26 – Q3

Meeting: Tuesday 27th January 2026

All figures are provisional and subject to change

Outcome 1: PSNI is Victim Focused.

Indicator 1.1 The Effectiveness in Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls.

Indicator 1.2 The Effectiveness in Tackling Domestic Abuse.

Indicator 1.3 The Effectiveness in Tackling Child Criminal Exploitation.

Indicator 1.4 The Effectiveness in Tackling Hate Crime.

Indicator 1.5 Providing a High Quality Service to Victims.

Measures

- 1.1.1 Number of reported incidents of violence against women and girls.
- 1.1.2 Arrest and outcome rates for offences related to violence against women and girls.
- 1.2.1 Number of reported domestic abuse incidents.
- 1.2.2 Proportion of cases leading to charges and prosecutions.
- 1.2.3 Repeat victimisation rates in domestic abuse cases.
- 1.3.1 Number of identified and safeguarded children at risk.
- 1.3.2 Arrests and prosecutions related to child exploitation offences.
- 1.3.3 Working with Crime Department to disrupt criminal networks exploiting children.
- 1.4.1 Number of reported hate crime incidents.
- 1.4.2 Outcome rates for hate crime cases.
- 1.4.3 Community engagement activities with minority ethnic communities.
- 1.4.4 Reduction in repeat hate crime incidents.
- 1.5.1 Overall victim satisfaction rates across PSNI and your District.
- 1.5.2 Average time taken to respond to emergency and priority calls.
- 1.5.3 Number of complaints made to PCNI.
- 1.5.4 Highlight good work.

Scanning

Violence Against Women & Girls

How is this Recorded/Measured/Reported

- Statistical evidence and examples of activity conducted by police intended to reduce violence against women and girls related offences, improve outcomes and tackle perpetrators.
- Reporting on engagement events focused on Violence against women and girls with PCSP and other community partners.
- Report on repeat victims/offenders.
- Statistical evidence and examples of activity conducted by police in relation to domestic incidents, related offences, to improve outcomes, tackle perpetrators and give victims the confidence to report.
- Reporting on engagement events focusing on raising awareness of domestic abuse.
- Statistical evidence and examples of activity conducted by police in relation to missing children and YP, those at risk of CSE and associated offences.
- Reporting on engagement events aimed at children and YP including schools and other youth settings.
- Reporting on how police worked with partners to safeguard children and YP and reduce CCE.
- Statistical evidence and examples of activity conducted by police in relation to tackling hate crime/incidents, to improve outcomes, tackle perpetrators and give victims the confidence to report.
- Report on engagement events with minority ethnic communities.
- Report on any repeat incidents/trends.
- Report on repeat offending.
- Statistical information in relation to complaints made, and commentary in relation to any trends or patterns identified including activity undertaken to address them.
- Victim satisfaction survey results and commentary in relation to action taken to address any identified concerns.
- Summary of Local and Neighbourhood Policing Team activity across the District focusing on both patrolling and engagement activity.
- Report on actions and initiatives undertaken to increase public confidence in policing by District Command and through partnership events and activities.
- Statistical information in relation to offences, seizures and outcome rates and commentary in relation to partnership activity to address drug related activity.
- Report on complaints against Police.

Analysis

Violence Against Women and Girls

- Within Derry City and Strabane, we continue to see a reduction in the overall number of recorded VAWG offences and we welcome a 9% decline in offences.
- Whilst 'Violence against the person' offences have reduced by 9%, sexual offences have seen a small increase of 1.3% (4 offences). At our last PCSP meeting we had seen an increase of 13.5% (39) for that rolling 365, therefore Q3 has shown an overall reduction.

Domestic Abuse

- Recorded offences with a domestic motivation have also decreased by 178 compared to the previous rolling 365

Violence Against Women and Girls (Crime Level 1) - Derry City and Strabane

Violence Against Women and Girls Crime Level 1		Total Offences Recorded				Crimes With Outcome (Same Period)			
Derry City & Strabane Rolling 365 Days to 30 Dec 2025 Figures are provisional		Previous Rolling 365 Days	Current Rolling 365 Days	Change	% Change	Previous Rolling 365 Days	Current Rolling 365 Days	Change	% Change
Violence against the person		2398	2139	-247	-10.4%	1608	1221	-385	-24.0%
Sexual Offences		307	311	4	1.3%	174	174	0	0.0%
Derry City and Strabane Total		2693	2450	-243	-9.0%	1780	1395	-385	-21.6%

An extract from the PSNI's Report Card to Derry & Strabane PCSP's Policing Committee

From April 2025 to March 2026 Derry and Strabane PCSP Policing Committee held four policing committee meetings in May, July and October 2025 and January 2026. At each of these meetings the PSNI District Commander for Derry and Strabane presented the quarterly performance report on the local policing plan and the service plan. Members of the PCSP were also provided with monthly update reports on crime and ASB within the Council area, they also had the opportunity to ask questions and raise any issues with the District Commander. The PCSP continues to engage with police through the neighbourhood community safety forums/teams, the community safety wardens and neighbourhood watch co-ordinators.

As well as supporting the PSNI in a number of engagement events outlined above, the PCSP also attends the locally based Community Safety Forums/Teams with NIHE, Community and PSNI Neighbourhood Teams. The Community Safety Forums meet on a regular basis and are located in each of the four Neighbourhood Renewal Areas of Outer North, Outer West, Waterside and TRIAX. Forums have also been established in Strathfoyle/Maydown, Top of the Hill and Strabane town.

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

During 2025/26 the Derry and Strabane PCSP allocated £17,560 to two community/voluntary groups across the city and district via an open call for small project support. A further £9,930 was allocated to Kaboosh, however the group contacted the PCSP office mid-February 2026 to advise that they were unable to deliver the project as planned, therefore this funding was utilised by the PCSP team to self-deliver a project under this theme.

In addition, eight Local Growth Partnerships were awarded £181,600 via the consensual grant aid model to deliver initiatives on youth diversion, drug and alcohol awareness, embedding a culture of lawfulness, intergenerational issues, cross community projects and domestic and sexual violence awareness, along with Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) etc. These groups provide a vital service in our communities and are greatly assisted by the support provided by the PCSP.

Shantallow Community Resident's Association (SCRA) delivered their Youth Educated in Safety (YES) Project to over 1,922 young people across the district. This project brings together pupils from a number of schools to a community venue where they participate in interactive multi-agency workshops from a range of statutory and community organisations, including Community Safety Wardens, PSNI, NIFRS, EA Youth Service and Derry City and Strabane District Council.

The group delivered five developmental workshops focusing on the negative impact of antisocial behaviour, bonfire safety, drugs, substance and alcohol awareness, good relations relating to bonfires, mindfulness, home safety and fire safety. A youth-led event involved 70 participants, with 10 mentors delivered sessions to 60 primary school children on anti-bullying and safety, alongside a range of programmes and physical activities including games with aims, sports nights and bonfire awareness sessions



Young people from SCRA who took part in the YES Project.

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

Organisation	DEA	Amount Awarded
Shantallow Community Residents Association	Council wide	£10,000
Have Your Tomorrows (HURT)	Council wide	£7,560
TOTAL FUNDING		£17,560

In 2025/2026 the PCSP allocated £141,600 funding to the eight Local Growth Partnership Boards in the Council area under the consensual grant aid model.

DEA	Allocation (Rounded up)	EVAWG
Ballyarnett	£24,700	£4,000
Derg	£18,200	£4,000
Faughan	£14,200	£4,000
Foyleside	£14,200	£4,000
Moor	£22,000	£4,000
Sperrin	£11,900	£4,000
Strabane Town	£13,400	£4,000
Waterside	£22,600	£4,000
Total	£141,600	£40,000
Total Allocation	£181,600	

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

DEA	Activity Summary
<u>Ballyarnett</u> Lead Partner: Greater Shantallow Area Partnership (GSAP)	Shantallow Community Residents Association (SCRA) engaged 1,120 participants in 10 events, including Summer Schemes, Family Fun Days and Bus Runs, Football Camp and a Residential Programme Skeoge Community Association engaged 490 participants in 11 activities, including Fun/Party at the Park, Kayaking and Water Sports, Halfway Karting, and Overnight Residential. On Street Community Youth engaged 60 beneficiaries in 15 activities, including Positive Play Hubs, and Kayaking and Water Sports, Off-site Day Trips. <u>EVAWG</u> : Galliagh Community Centre engaged 330 participants in six activities aimed at addressing the issue of Violence Against Women and Girls within sports clubs, schools, and local businesses. These activities primarily focused on workshops surrounding positive masculinity, healthy relationships, and positive role modelling.
<u>Derg</u> Lead Partners: Derry and Raphoe Action Group; Churchtown Community Association and Newtownstewart Leisure Centre	Derry Raphoe Action Group engaged 1,294 beneficiaries through a diverse range of targeted activities, including family fun days, first aid course, a fire safety course, a child protection course, and marshall accreditation. In addition, a senior luncheon and safety talk was delivered, engaging 69 older adults. Churchtown Community Association engaged 141 beneficiaries through a 10-month programme focused on building leadership within rural communities. The programme included two health and wellbeing workshops, basic food safety training, Level 3 Emergency First Aid training, and Level 1 Makaton training. In addition, Two Castles Boxing roadshows were delivered across six local schools, engaging 121 participants. The initiative focused on improving personal and community safety awareness, fostering positive relationships with the PSNI, and highlighting the impact of drugs, alcohol, and domestic abuse on local communities. Newtownstewart Leisure Centre engaged 30 participants through a Women's Health and Wellness Day which delivered a range of activities to support physical and mental health. These activities included group meditation, Tai Chi, essential oils session and group based activities encouraging interaction, shared learning and community cohesion. <u>EVAWG</u>: Derg Valley Care engaged 100 participants in 17 activities focused on nutrition, self-care programmes, healthy relationships, and yoga, promoting overall wellbeing and personal development.

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

DEA	Activity Summary
<u>Faughan</u> Lead Partner: Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID)	RAPID successfully engaged 140 young people across several areas, including Eglinton, Claudy, Enagh, Newbuildings, and Upper Cumber. The programme delivered a range of youth diversionary initiatives, with a particular focus on issues surrounding bonfires and flags, promoting positive engagement and community responsibility. Activities included day trips to divert young people in rural areas away from ASB and into more positive pursuits. EVAWG: Eglinton Community LTD engaged 115 women and girls in self-defence and core fitness programmes delivered over a six-eight week period. In addition, an awareness campaign linked to the PSNI ‘Power to Change’ campaign was delivered. These activities helped to improve participants’ self-confidence, self-awareness, strength, and overall fitness.
<u>Foyleside</u> Lead Partner: Ballymagroarty Youth Club	Ballymagroarty Youth Club engaged 199 participants across five activities, providing diversionary opportunities during the summer. These activities included go-karting, bowling, and a residential trip. The programme was designed to support young people in making positive choices and to reduce the risk of involvement in anti-community behaviour during the summer period EVAWG: Dunluce Family Centre engaged 14 participants in two programmes: Putting Children and Families First and a Women’s Practical Support Counselling Programme. These initiatives provided support focused on family wellbeing, personal development, and emotional resilience
<u>Moor</u> Lead Partner: TRIAX	Long Tower Youth successfully engaged 228 participants across seven activities, providing structured and positive opportunities for young people. Gasyard Wall Féile engaged 3,300 participants across four events, delivering alternatives to bonfire-related activities. These included family fun days, a street party, and a diversionary “Lift-Off” event. St Mary’s Youth Club engaged 178 participants through six different activities aimed at involving young people in positive, structured programmes, while addressing issues such as anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the community. EVAWG: Dove House Community Trust engaged 380 school children in workshops, information and awareness sessions, including a site visit to the PSNI Domestic Violence Unit to highlight the importance of reporting crime. Participants also took part in training and awareness sessions focused on healthy relationships, personal boundaries, and domestic abuse. In addition, participants attended a conference delivered in collaboration with the NW Youth Forum.

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

DEA	Activity Summary
<u>Sperrin</u> Lead Partner: Rural Area Partnership in Derry (RAPID)	RAPID engaged 64 young people across rural areas, including Donemana, Glenelly, Park, Learmount, Artigarvan, Glenmornan, Ballymagorry, Aughabrack, and surrounding communities, through a range of developmental activities. Workshops on anti-social behaviour (ASB) and civil disorder provided opportunities to explore community issues, including bonfires and flags. The programme aimed to divert young people away from risk-taking and anti-social behaviour by promoting positive engagement. Activities included paintballing, water sports, bowling, and a variety of other structured diversionary trips. <u>EVAWG:</u> Learmount Community Development Group engaged 468 participants in one activity delivered across 39 sessions. Sessions included self-defence classes which provided women and girls with practical skills to protect themselves and de-escalate potentially violent or threatening situations.
<u>Strabane Town</u> Lead Partner: Melmount Community Forum	Melmount Community Forum engaged 508 participants across five activities, including community safety workshops for both young people and older residents. These workshops covered topics such as road safety and the role of emergency services. The programme also delivered volunteering initiatives, including river clean-ups, as well as sport and youth diversionary projects, promoting positive community engagement and safer environments. <u>EVAWG:</u> Melmount Community Forum engaged 199 participants in four activities aimed at addressing the issue of Violence Against Women and Girls. These included a conference event featuring key speakers from the PSNI, the Fire Service, and the Department of Justice (DOJ), who provided information and raised awareness on the issues surrounding violence and community safety.
<u>Waterside</u> Lead Partner: Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership	Lincoln Courts engaged 50 beneficiaries across four activities, including the Building and Strengthening Young Women’s Resilience project, the “Increase Confidence, Not Crime” project for young men, self-defence classes, and a diversionary trip. Hillcrest Trust engaged 90 beneficiaries through a six-month youth diversionary project aimed at challenging perceptions on issues associated with anti-social behaviour (ASB). Clooney Residents Association engaged 12 beneficiaries in a six-week programme focusing on peer pressure and the impact of ASB on the wider community.

Section 5 – Delivered with PCSP Funding

<u>Waterside</u> Lead Partner: Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership	Irish Street Community Association engaged 1,198 beneficiaries through a programme designed to address ASB and reduce the fear of crime by diverting young people away from sectarian violence. The programme included five workshops delivered over one week. Brigade Cricket Club engaged 40 beneficiaries through five activities, including family fun days, community safety sessions delivered by the PSNI, and three weeks of diversionary activities. Curryneirin Community Association engaged 20 beneficiaries through a range of activities including community safety awareness sessions, a PSNI community dialogue session, and a Safe Streets Walk and Listening Hub. The project also distributed 50 safety resource packs Tullyally Community Partnership engaged 110 beneficiaries through similar community safety initiatives, including awareness sessions, a PSNI community dialogue session, and a Safe Streets Walk and Listening Hub. The project also distributed 50 safety resource packs. <u>EVAWG</u>: Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership engaged 119 participants in three activities aimed at addressing and preventing Violence Against Women and Girls. These included the Target Young Men project, which helped young men develop a greater understanding of healthy relationships, including the impact of coercive and financial control. The Young Women’s Personal Safety Initiative provided women in the area with a better understanding of where to access help and support, while increasing awareness of the different forms of violence and abuse.
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Shantallow Community Centre, Galliagh Community Centre and On Street Community Youth representatives with young volunteers from the Ballyarnett DEA.



The groups worked on a range of programmes over the summer months focusing on community development and active citizenship, peer-leadership and volunteering. The programmes helped to support young people to fully engage, build on their skills and qualities, as well as increase their experience in youth and community development.



Some of the ladies who took part in self defence classes provided by Learmount Community Development Group with EVAWG funding.



Some of the young people who took part in an art project to increase awareness of engaging in risk taking behaviours and ASB at Londonderry YMCA.



Some of the young people who took part in a summer divisionary programme with Londonderry YMCA.



Some of the young people who took part in a Summer Diversionary Project with Lincoln Courts.



Pictured at the Cathedral Youth Club end of programme Celebration Event are young people who took part in the summer diversionary programme during July.



PCSP Vice-Chair Karl Duncan visited St Mary's Youth Club in Creggan to see the incredible willow bull sculpture that formed the centrepiece of the 2025 Lúnasa celebration, part of Féile Derry.



PCSP Chair Keith Kerrigan attending the Party in the Park in the Moor DEA. The event offered something for everyone, with live music, arts and crafts, cultural activities, and exciting kids' entertainment creating a brilliant atmosphere for families and people of all ages. Local young people played a key role in the event's success, volunteering both in the lead-up and on the day itself.



Eglinton Community Ltd provided self defence training for ladies with EVAWG funding.

Section 6 – PCSP Accounts

The Joint Committee provides funding to the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council and other partners also providing financial support.



Service Level Agreement

The Partnership has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Derry City and Strabane District Council for the provision of a range of in-house services. The areas of support offered to the Partnership include: general finance, office accommodation, IT, administration of salaries, payment of invoices and support in areas of personnel, and legal & audit services.

The spreadsheet on the next page outlines the income and expenditure of the PCSP for the financial year 2025/26 (April 2025 to March 2026).

Receipts	Total Costs
Grant from Joint Committee	£452,596.00
Payments	£452,596.00

Payments	
Staff Costs	£59,496.00
Running Costs	£21,000.00
Engagement	£42,000.00
Northland Warden Scheme	£55,000.00
Small Project Support (ASB)	£94,250.00
Reducing Fear of Crime (Safer Homes)	£15,000.00
Ending Violence Against Women and Girls	£48,000.00
Advertising/PR	£2,000.00
Youth Engagement Initiatives	£64,500.00
Members Attendance Allowance	£11,100.00
Tackling Cybercrime including scams and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)	£500.00
Hate Crime Initiatives	£4,000.00
Tackling Business/Rural Crime	£1,000.00
Road Safety Initiatives	£6,250.00
Drug and Alcohol & Addiction Initiatives	£11,000.00
Domestic & Sexual Violence Initiatives	£10,000.00
Policing Committee/ Local Accountability	£7,500.00
TOTAL - £452,596.00	

Section 7 - Members' Attendance Record

The Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership held six PCSP meetings and four PCSP Policing Committee Meetings between 01 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

The table below shows attendance by Partnership members:

PCSP Member	Number of Meetings Held	Number of Meetings Attended	Percentage Attendance
CLlr John Boyle (SDLP)	10	1	10%
CLlr Sandra Duffy (Sinn Féin)	10	7	70%
Ald Darren Guy (UUP)	10	7	70%
CLlr Christopher Jackson (Sinn Féin)	10	7	70%
CLlr Fergal Leonard (Sinn Féin)	10	8	80%
Ald Keith Kerrigan (DUP) - Chair	10	9	90%
Ald Niree McMorris (DUP)	10	9	90%
CLlr Emma McGinley (Sinn Féin)	10	9	90%
CLlr Antaine Ó Fearghail (Sinn Féin)	10	5	50%
CLlr Martin Reilly (SDLP)	10	7	70%
Marie Brown	10	4	40%
Michaela Boyle* *Member June 2025 to 26/09/25	5	0	0%
Cathal Crumley	10	10	100%
Karl Duncan (Vice-Chair)	10	4	40%
David Jackson	10	4	40%
Patrick McGonagle	10	8	80%
Karen McLaughlin	10	5	50%
Alison Wallace	10	7	70%
Linda Watson	10	9	90%
Beverly Simpson* *Member February 2026 to March 2026	2	2	100%

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