

**Minutes of
Policing and Community Safety Partnership Meeting**

**Tuesday 24 February 2026
Council Chamber, Guildhall**

Present: Ms Marie Brown, Cathal Crumley, Cllr Sandra Duffy, Mr Declan Gallagher (EANI), Cllr Christopher Jackson, Ald Keith Kerrigan (Chair), Cllr Fergal Leonard, Mr Bryan McCaul (NIFRS), Cllr Emma McGinley, Mr Patsy McGonagle, Ms Carey McKee (WHSCT), Karen McLaughlin, Ald Niree McMorris, Cllr Antaine O’Fearghail, Cllr Martin Reilly, Ms Caroline Quigley (NIHE), Mr Paul Ryan (YJA), Ms Beverly Simpson, Alison Wallace, and Ms Linda Watson.

PSNI: Const Josie Crawford, Supt Claire Hamilton, Chief Insp Cathal Pearce, Const Rachel Nicholl.

Presentation: Michelle Martin (ASSIST)

In Attendance at Meeting: Ciara Bond, Aileen Murphy, and Vanessa Russell.

DSPCSP 01/26 Apologies:

Mr Eddie Doherty (NIHE), Ald Darren Guy, Davy Jackson, Maura O’Neill (WHSCT).

DSPCSP 02/26 Chairperson’s Business

Ald Keith Kerrigan (Chair) welcomed all members to the PCSP Meeting. Beverly Simpson was welcomed to her first meeting as an independent member.

Assaults within the City - Ald McMorris referred to an assault that had taken place over the weekend where a young boy of 16 was assaulted in Guildhall Square/Shipquay Place. There have been numerous attacks within the city and district which is concerning; a lot of which are not reported to PSNI. Ald McMorris spoke to the mother and Duty Inspector with regards to reporting the incident. Good wishes were sent to the lad from PCSP for a full recovery; both physically and emotionally. He may suffer from the trauma of the attack for years.

Ald McMorris queried how to raise confidence in policing when there has been organised fights and abuse over the last few weeks. CCTV was requested by PSNI, and they are investigating the incident. People are genuinely afraid to go to areas such as Ebrington Square and City Centre in both daytime and evening.

She referred to a fatality of a young boy years ago in the Waterside. After years of disabilities from the attack, he passed away from his injuries. We do not want to be in the same situation.

Ald McMorris stated she spoke to a man whose grandson was attacked over the weekend, is in hospital and going through surgery today. This attack has not been reported to PSNI. Ald McMorris stated she would update PSNI on what she knew of the incident after the meeting.

She referred to an attack on a house in the Waterside last month where all political parties came forward to condemn the attack. All attacks need to be condemned, and we must collectively say we have had enough.

Cllr Sandra Duffy reiterated that there was no place for violence or sectarianism within the city. She stated it was the responsibility of the members to condemn these

actions; there is an importance not to stoke up tensions, rather, things need to be cooled down so as not to escalate tensions.

Cllr Martin Reilly said there were probably more incidents not reported. He referred to a previous PCSP Meeting where discussion took place of the home being attacked in the Waterside. Attacking a person is much more serious and he wished the victim a full recovery. These attacks must be condemned regardless of the reason/circumstance.

Problem Solving Awards – The PCSP Chair referred to the recent Problem-Solving Awards hosted by PSNI and NIPB in Belfast on Thursday 19th February 2026. He advised members that Derry & Strabane PCSP were announced as winners for the PCSP category with our application focusing on the Consensual Grant Aid Model.

The PCSP Manager confirmed that each PCSP was invited to submit an application under the PCSP category and delighted to be announced as winners. The PCSP Manager stated that the Consensual Grant Making Model has changed how we support communities, giving Local Growth Partnerships across our district the power to identify local needs and design solutions that work for their areas.

The PCSP Manager and staff were congratulated by Ald McMorris for achieving such a great accolade and where the benefits of consensual grant aid model could be seen on the ground.

Ms Alison Wallace thanked and congratulated PCSP and Council from a community perspective for buying into the consensual grant making model. Benefits can be seen on the ground as it allows flexibility to address issues.

DSPCSP 03/26

Presentation on EVAWG – PSNI & ASSIST

Michelle Martin took members through the presentation.

The Chair thanked Michelle Martin for such a powerful presentation.

Marie Brown congratulated Michelle and stated ASSIST was so successful because of her past knowledge of the work and being able to identify gaps for PCSP. It was proposed that Michelle be invited back for an update on stats.

The following issues were raised/questions asked:

- It is a major step for women and girls to come forward to report something is wrong at home.
- It is good that the facility is there and the work being carried out was commended, it is good that people are reaching out.
- For victims already through the process, what support is available for them re trauma; are they waiting for a breach of that? What can PCSP do to help?

Response to questions

Members were informed that there were 2 stages to answer:

- Assist works closely with client, Probation Board, and prison service at the point of conviction so that our clients and victims fully understand what the sentencing means. ASSIST work with PPS and Probation Board to ensure orders will be effective and that the person is safe.
- We also bring the victim's lived experience to lawyers and courts so this can be taken into consideration, as sometimes it is hard for victims to understand what is going on in court when they are so traumatised.
- Afterwards there is a massive gap for victims, especially longer term, where

support may be limited. Delighted to be able to work with PCSP to support victims and provide information/recommendations on what reputable services are available for victims and young people to access. ASSIST will share information on what services are lacking will be provided to PCSP.

ASSIST

- Over 7 months the number of men suffering sexual abuse is higher in D&S than anywhere else in NI. ASSIST is currently working with young men under 24. This is a nuance that has not been accessed before.

Cllr Martin Reilly stated that correspondence had been sent to DoJ re improvements that could be made. He asked could Michelle offer any recommendations that PCSP could feed back to DoJ. If there is data driven evidence, then this should be captured and sent to DoJ. Statistics and personal experience would strengthen this. He thanked Michelle for her informative presentation.

Michelle stated one of the fundamental objectives was to improve relationships between courts. She referred to research published by Gerry Hannah re family courts/relationship and advised that ASIST provided a lot of data to that report where victims and courts are in conflict. Michelle offered to collate data for the area to champion that. Victims don't see the name of the court – it's just another court and some victims withdraw from some court journeys, so it does not affect access to children via family courts. Michelle requested that members look at the recommendations of the report.

Ald McMorris stated the presentation was enlightening but the statistics were stark. She confirmed it gave hope listening to the presentation and the fact that ASSIST was working and speaking to victims. It is a great asset to PCSP, and she commented on how statistics could be relayed to improve services and support, especially in the City and District.

Ald McMorris said there were issues with violence against men which is sometimes forgotten. She stated it was important that they were working with them and men's charities. She referred to the comment of working with young boys under 24 coming forward, which is a hard age to get boys into a room and disclose information. Sometimes they do not feel manly enough if this has happened to them. It is lifting to know people like you are helping victims and survivors. She agreed with all comments made and commended Michelle on the presentation. Ald McMorris said she and PCSP were looking forward to working with her.

Michelle confirmed there were 26 staff members on the front line working with victims to improve services. She stated they could not renege on the promise that was made, staff must be empowered so as not to let victims down. It is a collective responsibility to prevent the cycle of abuse. If we do not help men and boys, then women will suffer. She thanked members for their comments.

Ms Marie Brown referred to the gap in services re homicide and it was important to offer counselling to every member of the family. A relationship with CAMHS is maintained to fast-track people when necessary and ensure court support provided. She confirmed men were also welcomed at the Family Justice Centre and they hold statistics on this also. Women's Aid are doing workshops in schools to show what services are available.

The Chair, on the request from Ms Brown, proposed that Michelle provides an update to PCSP every 6 months:

Proposed: Ms Marie Brown

Seconded: Cllr Fergal Leonard

PCSP Manager

Presentation by PSNI

Constable Josie Crawford gave an overview of the presentation. They set up over a year ago with an extensive programme which focusses on prevention, early intervention, victim support, partnership work such as activities in schools. Workshops in schools focus on healthy relationships, consent, and healthy sex; they are interactive and scenario based. Many schools ask for further sessions.

A Walking Talking Group was established through engagement with community.

PSNI continue to demonstrate leadership, and a project was set up for young people throughout the city. They worked in collaboration and designed a comic book which will be launched in the Guildhall on 31/03/26. The comic book will also be distributed to schools.

They have a funding proposal for 2026-28 re coercive control for schools to increase confidence and share effective prevention trauma formed practices.

Issues Raised/Comments:

Cllr Fergal Leonard thanked Cons Crawford for the presentation and said he spoke to her many times on the work being carried out and encouraged senior officers in PSNI to continue the work. He said he knew it made a difference and welcomed the work taking place in schools.

Cllr Leonard referred to the event in the Fir Trees and said sometimes these events are not capturing women at risk. He asked for ideas on how to encourage women and men to attend these events. He also mentioned it would be great if more people were there to speak to those attending the events.

Const Crawford mentioned an event on 23/02/26 that Council had organised and community groups attended. It was discussed how EVAWG would be approached at such events; do women think they are being stereotyped. A different approach is required for advertising these events.

Michelle Martin responded and said it was important not to under-estimate the impact of coercive control, not just for the victim but the perpetrator and the wider community. It sends a message that there is help out there for victims and sends a second message to the perpetrator that the violence should stop and communities will not stand for violence anymore.

Ms Marie Brown said that some people want a confidential service; somebody related to the victim may attend an event and pick up information if advertised in a quiet manner.

Cons Josie Crawford was congratulated by Ms Marie Brown and said it was great having a Police Officer on site at the Justice Centre to offer support for men and women coming in behind closed doors as it gives them confidence. Ms Brown stated women come in and now ask for Cons Crawford. She stated that Cons Crawford is working with staff and supports them; this gives staff confidence in being the public face at events.

People coming into the Justice Centre now feel a lot safer talking to Police. There is a lot of partnership working with a range of services there to support people.

Supt Claire Hamilton who is new in her position, informed members that she previously worked in West Belfast Domestic Violence Unit. She stated there was no intention of losing Cons Josie Crawford and would be there for the foreseeable future.

Supt Hamilton shared her concerns around not attracting the right people to events. She referred to a successful piece of work in the past where only women attended. It was a licenced event advertised as a social event but also raised awareness of EVAWG with representatives from both the statutory and voluntary sector in attendance.

Supt Hamilton also mentioned the statistics for stalking in 2025 which were massively under-reported. Cons Josie Crawford will be doing more work on stalking as there are a lot of patterns emerging.

Cllr Fergal Leonard said that people need to step forward and ask for help. Society is fighting back.

Cllr Sandra Duffy thanked the Chair and Cons Josie Crawford for the presentation. She stated tremendous work was taking place, trying to challenge the attitudes of young boys and our communities through education.

Cllr Duffy referred to vulnerable young girls in the community who are homeless or in non-standard accommodation and the impact men and women can have daily on them. There was a serious incident at the weekend where a door was being kicked in (5 girls in the one house). Police were repeatedly contacted but did not respond appropriately. There was a vulnerable girl in the property and there was no response from Police. Action is required on the ground; it is not good enough when trying to increase confidence in reporting, and when front line Police are aware of what is going on. She queried where crime prevention fitted in. Cllr Duffy said it was great to see the focus on EAWG and the work being carried out but vulnerable girls need to be protected.

Supt Claire Hamilton confirmed there is a team to work in with vulnerable people, and all incidents are reviewed daily. She stated she would review the incident and provide an update to members.

PSNI

Ms Marie Brown reiterated what Cllr Duffy had said and stated that referrals were requested from NIHE on vulnerable women who would be susceptible to crime, drugs, and trafficking. The accommodation is not appropriate and more needs to be done.

She stated she was contacted in relation to a male that was found lying in Shipquay Street at 8.30am. The PSNI were contacted but were rude and refused to ring an ambulance; they told the taxi man to ring one. A taxi man stayed with the man until help was received. The man could have been dead. These issues need to be addressed. Ms Brown said visitors attending the city for a meeting had witnessed this incident and it was not good enough.

Supt Claire Hamilton advised that call handlers are trained to assess each call, however without knowing the full details of the call, it is difficult to comment. She agreed to investigate it and provide an update to PCSP members.

PSNI

Ald Niree McMorris thanked Cons Josie Crawford for the valued work of PSNI with regards to vulnerabilities of those in the community. The impact of someone's experience can impact their lives; words and actions can have an impact on others. She stated it was reassuring that PSNI were doing so much work on EAWG and this message needs to be shared to increase confidence and encourage those to report incidents to PSNI. If perpetrators are not brought to justice, then the whole system fails.

Ald McMorris referred to the incident Ms Brown had shared and stated that it was shocking that more and more Police were dealing with vulnerable people in A&E. The hospital is not the right setting; vulnerable people need help. Other agencies, e.g., Dept of Health and WHSCT need to pick up issues. The people attending A&E do not have immediate medical needs, cases should be referred and assessed re emotional health being mindful of the approach. Confidence in PSNI needs to increase. Ald McMorris commended PSNI for work being carried out at present

Supt Claire Hamilton referred to an ongoing piece of work led by ACC Ryan Henderson with the Health Service called Right Care, Right Person. It was agreed to would provide more information on this initiative to PCSP.

PSNI

The right response is not always the Police service. She said Police were extremely challenged over the weekend and referred to the incident where initial contact was made re man in Shipquay Street. Supt Hamilton said PSNI were not medically trained or trained to deal with people with complex needs such as drugs and alcohol; symptoms were not always recognised. PSNI may spend days in A&E – it is difficult for Police, staff, other users, and also for the vulnerable person. Ongoing work continues with PSNI and WHSCT to discuss such issues.

Ms Alison Wallace said partnership was key along with engagement with LGP's. She confirmed that through the consensual model and Change Fund, there was funding available. Council indicated establishing a joint Forum and requested that Council take it forward as soon as possible so that the correct people are reached.

Ald Niree McMorris referred to the social event PSNI had and to the upcoming International Women's Day in the Guildhall where 200 to 300 hundred women would be in attendance. She suggested that Michelle and Cons Josie Crawford could attend and speak at the event. Women would already be there, and it would give an opportunity to get the message out.

Ald McMorris confirmed she would speak to Catherine (Derry Women's Centre) to see if there was an opportunity for PSNI and ASSIST to speak at the event.

Ald N McMorris

Cons Josie Crawford confirmed she was on the panel at the conference on 06/03/26.

Michelle Martin said the invitation would be welcomed. She stated we need to ensure we are working with other industries/sectors, e.g. businesses and tourism to get the message out and raise awareness. She encouraged the PCSP to continue spreading the message.

Cllr Duffy referred to meeting with herself, Cllr Jackson, and the taxi industry last week. She said thinking outside the box is required to lead the way to make women feel safer. She commended those who are doing what they can to help women and girls and to spread the word about the work.

Supt Claire Hamilton asked members to think about gyms/fitness centres to spread awareness.

Const Josie Crawford informed members that a meeting was arranged for 27/02/26 for PSNI to consider what work needs to be developed with Taxi drivers. This could include training for taxi drivers by FWA and PSNI.

PSNI

The Chair thanked all members for the good engagement throughout the meeting.

DSPCSP 04/26 **Approval of Minutes of PCSP PC Meeting of 27/01/26 PCPM 01/26-08/26**

Proposed: Ald Niree McMorris

Seconded: Cllr Martin Reilly

DSPCSP 05/26 **Matters Arising**

Confidence in Policing – Cllr Emma McGinley referred to community safety team meetings held in Outer West, Foyleside, where NH Policing have stopped attending and disengaged. She stated this was a massive concern and Police should attend as these are an important tool in the community, but we need police to take action by attending to help build confidence.

Supt Claire Hamilton advised that PSNI recently ran a process to recruit more NPT officers, so hopefully this will mean that NPTs are better resourced once this recruitment process has been completed. She added that she was not aware NPTs were not attending these meetings and that she would take this back to NPTs for action.

PSNI

Cllr Jackson stated that this engagement extends beyond attending meetings. He highlighted concerns raised by CS Wardens, as they have had to report issues via the 101 number, as they cannot get a response from PSNI.

Supt Claire Hamilton confirmed she would discuss these issues with Cllr Jackson and Cllr McGinley.

DSPCSP 06/26

PCSP Manager's Report

The PCSP Manager referred members to the Manager's Report and covered the following areas:

PCSP Action Plan/Budget 2025/2026 – The quarterly expenditure claims for the first three quarters of 2025-2026 have been submitted to the Joint Committee for a total of £292,749.23 and subsequently reimbursed to Council.

PCSP Action Plan/Budget 2026/2027 – The final draft was approved at the PCSP Meeting on 27 January 2026. The Action Plan 2026-2027 was sent to the Joint Committee for consideration on 28 January 2026. They will consider all the PCSP Action Plans at a JC meeting at the end of March and advise on the outcome as soon as possible after that. At this stage, we have not been given any indication of how quickly this will happen or what the likely budget will be, however PCSP members will be kept updated as this progresses.

PCSP Facebook Page – The Facebook page acts a conduit for the PCSP to inform and engage the community in relation to policing and community safety initiatives. It is also used to share information on local and regional campaigns, funding opportunities and much more, therefore the Facebook page has become an increasingly important engagement tool for the PCSP.

Conflict of Interest Declarations – At the time of composing this report, forms are overdue for 2 elected members.

PCSP Members

Small Project Support 2025/2026 – Open Call - Earlier this year, PCSP members gave approval for the underspend identified above to be re-directed to other projects in the PCSP Action Plan. The PCSP Manager reported that she has now secured five performances of *"I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die"* as part of the Northern Ireland tour and dates have been agreed with 5 post-primary schools during March 2026.

At the Policing Committee meeting on Tuesday 27 January 2026, members were advised that Kabosh had just confirmed that they were not able to deliver the project within the current financial year.

Members agreed that the PCSP would directly deliver a workshop on wheels project for women in the Strabane/Castledearg areas, where women would have the opportunity to speak with PSNI officers in an informal setting. PCSP staff are working closely with the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Strabane and Castledearg to finalise an itinerary for these 2 events.

It was also agreed that the remainder of this budget would be used to purchase additional equipment to address domestic violence.

DSPCSP 06/26

Consensual Grant Aid 2025/2026 – PCSP are currently working with each Local Growth Partnership to finalise programmes.

Small Project Support 2026/2027 – Open Call – In preparation for the open call for small project support funding to groups for 2026/2027, the PCSP team have been working alongside colleagues in Sports Development and Good Relations to co-ordinate this process.

Advertisements will be placed in all local newspapers on the week commencing 23/03/26. The advertisement will also be shared on the PCSP and Council's Facebook pages and emailed to members. Members are asked to share this information as widely as possible, to ensure that we maximise the potential for applications. The on-line grant aid portal will open on Monday 23/03/26 at 10.00am and close on Wednesday 22/04/26 at 12 noon.

Campaigns/Initiatives – Community Safety Wardens continue to carry out patrols. Between 01/04/25 and 31/01/26, the Community Safety Wardens have dealt with a total of 661 referrals from members of the public, 540 referrals from statutory agencies (1,201 referrals in total) and provided 12,720 patrols of ASB hotspot areas.

An application has been submitted to DfC for funding towards the Community Safety Warden scheme for 2026/2027 and we are liaising with NIHE, University of Ulster and Apex Housing to ensure that funding is secured for 2026/2027.

CSW Leaflet - A new Community Safety Warden leaflet was launched earlier in February. The leaflet contains a raft of useful information including direct contact numbers for each team, hours that the Community Safety Wardens work and a handy list of emergency and support services. An electronic copy of this leaflet is pinned to the top of our Facebook page and is available on the PCSP section of the Council website. A copy has also been emailed to members. Hard copies are available on request from the PCSP office.

Comic Book - At the PCSP meeting held in April 2025, members approved to allocate £8,500 towards a "Comic Book" project under the theme of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls, which will be delivered in partnership with PSNI.

The project will consist of a series of 10 workshops to allow the children to express themselves and create the story. Short talks are currently being delivered by PSNI and other partners. The completed comic can be used as a preventative educational tool in schools and Youth Clubs. An official celebration event is scheduled for Tuesday 31st March 2026 at 12 noon in the Guildhall. The Minister for Justice, Chief Executive of NIPB and Chief Constable plan to attend this event. An official invitation to this event will be issued to all PCSP members in due course.

PCSP Manager

RAPID Drugs Bins - 23 RAPID Drug Bins have been installed throughout the City and District. Between 04/04/25 and 30/09/25 12,790 pills have been removed which include a variety of pills.

Home Security – From 01/04/25 to 31/12/25, 128 homes have been referred for Home Safety Equipment to help reduce fear of crime and to feel safer in their own homes. Members were reminded to forward details of residents, to PCSP, who would benefit from this service.

Neighbourhood Watch – there are 44 NHW Schemes covering 3,500 homes. Meetings were held in October in Derry and Strabane. Further meetings are scheduled to take place on Monday 23rd February at 6.30pm in Guildhall and on Tuesday 24th February at 6.30pm in Melvin Sports Complex. PCSP Members are also invited to attend these meetings.

Issue no. 47 of the NHW Newsletter will be circulated to NHW Co-Ordinators at these meetings and have also been emailed to PCSP members and published on the PCSP Facebook page.

CCTV - From the period 01/04/25 – 31/12/25 CCTV has dealt with 337 missing person reports, 156 attempted suicides, and 631 suicide welfare concerns. In addition, 276 assaults, 111 incidents of drunkenness, 24 incidents of criminal damage, and 44 drugs related incidents have been dealt with.

Road Safety

Roadsafe Roadshow - Despite reassurances that the Roadsafe Roadshow would be hosted in our Council area during the current financial year, PSNI Roads Policing have advised that this will not take place. Roads Policing have indicated that the Roadsafe Roadshow will be prioritised for the Derry and Strabane area in 2026/2027. Members will be advised once the date/venue has been agreed.

Trailer Marking - the PCSP will continue to work in partnership with PSNI to deliver Trailer Marking Events throughout 2025/2026. A trailer marking event has been arranged for Saturday 28 February in Craighane GAC. Further details on this event have been shared on our Facebook page and members are asked to share this post to ensure it reaches as many residents as possible.

Policing Committee Meetings – the next PCSP PC Meeting is scheduled for 26/05/26 when the District Commander will deliver Q4 Performance Report for 2025/26.

Support Hub – The Derry & Strabane Support Hub has dealt with over 375 referrals since its inception.

Issues Raised:

CCTV – Cllr Sandra Duffy referred to the PSNI not funding CCTV and said this had been discussed several weeks ago at H&C where it had been agreed that ACC Ryan Henderson should be invited to discuss concerns around funding. She stated that EVAWG needed to be part of the conversation. Cllr Duffy stated that DoJ had a part to play in this also and suggested a letter be issued from PCSP to both ACC Ryan Henderson and Justice Minister, DoJ.

Proposed: Cllr Sandra Duffy

Seconded: Ald Niree McMorris

PCSP Manager

Process for RAPID Drugs Bins – PCSP Manager informed members that this was a partnership with PHA, PSNI, and PCSP. If a Drugs Bin is requested in a particular venue, a form must be completed to give authorisation to install the bin, and the location is agreed in consultation with all partners in advance so that risk assessments can be completed. This allows members of the public a place that is easy to access and dispose of drugs discretely and anonymously. Once the Drugs Bin has been installed it has to remain in that location, as it is secured to the ground.

Case Study from CSW / ASB Bonfire Night – Cllr Jackson referred to issues in the Bogside and flyover where materials were being gathered for bonfire night. This issue is not new in the Bogside community; it has been discussed in the past. There is an element of criminal gangs influencing young people. There are road safety issues where items have been set on fire, and the flyover has been left not passable because of smoke. This is going unchecked and should be a concern for PCSP. Amid all this old people are being harassed in their own homes.

Cllr Jackson proposed that PCSP contact DCSDC re material being gathered, adding that the longer it is left there without being removed, the more material there will be and this in turn makes it more difficult to remove. He added that residents in that area deserve better and we need to protect communities from intimidation. This issue has been highlighted by the Community Safety Wardens. All parties are aware of the challenges. He queried was there any other organisations/bodies that should be written to; this was open for suggestions.

Proposed: Cllr Christopher Jackson

Seconded by: Cllr Emma McGinley

Ald Niree McMorris stated she was previously contacted re bonfire material in several communities. She confirmed an email that had been sent to Barry O'Hagan re Bonfire Meeting for update on all areas and that subsequently a meeting of the bonfire working group has been scheduled for Monday 02/03/26 with regards to a collective update.

DSPCSP 07/26 **Community Safety Wardens' Reports**

Members were referred to the CSW Reports which were distributed for information. The reports show a breakdown of patrols, events, meeting, and case studies of their engagement throughout the community.

DSPCSP 08/26 **Draft Response PHA Consultation on 'Expanding Access to Naloxone: Supply and Emergency Use'**

The PCSP Manager referred to the Draft Response on the Consultation and requested comments from members at the meeting or via email.

Cllr Duffy stated she was content with the response and said it was vital to save lives of vulnerable people. She welcomed the consultation and draft response and was happy to accept it. She queried the publicity around it as not enough people know it is available to save lives.

H&C had been asked for a response, therefore, Cllr Duffy requested that the PCSP response be shared with them.

PCSP Manager

Cathal Pearce informed members that at the last working group re drugs, they were advised it will be carried in PSNI vehicles and that hopefully it will be rolled out across PSNI by March 2027.

The Draft Response re PHA Consultation was agreed by all:

Proposed by: Cllr Sandra Duffy

Seconded by: Ald Niree McMorris

DSPCSP 09/26 **Any Other Business**

House Fire – Cllr Martin Reilly referred to the house fire on Sunday and the sad news of a life being lost. NIFRS, NIAS, and PSNI services attended. He stated the proper channels should be used to encourage the public to avail of home fire safety checks by NIFRS.

Mr Bryan McCaul (NIFRS) confirmed the fatality of the house fire where crews accessed the property through the front door. The man was in his 70's and sadly died at the scene. Unfortunately, there was no record of this man by agencies.

He advised there have been 16 fire fatalities in 2025 in NI (the highest number ever recorded), half of these were smoke related and four were from electricity.

NIFRS are using PCSP platform to promote checks and confirmed these can be carried out for anyone who falls under the NIFRRS People at Risk Strategy, i.e.

- anyone over 50,
- those with mobility issues,
- people referred by another agency, or
- due to a fire at a property.

Under the 'People at Risk Strategy', other agencies/groups could benefit from these services by contacting NIFRS through the website, directly, or via email/Instagram. NIFRS can deliver presentations to any group and can arrange and conduct a fire safety check for anyone that falls inside the strategy. Mr McCaul asked members to use their channels/contacts to raise awareness of this service. He also asked members to share information from their FB page or Instagram account.

Mr Patsy McGonagle thanked all for their presentations. He referred to confidence in policing and mentioned a lady aged in her 70s who was attacked by a bully-type dog that was roaming free. Two young people were able to get the dog off her. PSNI were called at 12noon and as yet, PSNI have not contacted this woman. This is an incident where the lady could have lost her life. Mr McGonagle asked for reassurance that Police would tend to this and agreed to provide details to PSNI.

PSNI

Clr Fergal Leonard referred to EVAWG and requested Bryan McCaul (NIFRS) to take about Safe Space Initiative.

Bryan McCaul informed members that NIFRS was working towards EVAWG through fire service engagement. Historically, NIFRS was heavily male orientated – more females required. Staff are being heavily educated re safeguarding, and all fire stations are now deemed as safe spaces.

Bryan McCaul said that if a member of the public needs somewhere safe or needs to get out of any situation, they can go to any fire station for help. He confirmed he had spoken to the University and students in the area, as the Northland Road Fire Service is on the route home for many students. If anyone feels they are being followed they will be welcomed into any Fire Station. Bryan McCaul stated that this needs to be promoted.

PCSP

Alderman Kerrigan referred to the NIFRS recruitment campaign that is currently open across 26 sites, closing on 13th March 2026.

Good Relations Team – Myth Busting Workshops - The PCSP Manager informed members that Myth Busting Workshops were being arranged specifically for PCSP members around race hate/tension. She stated that an email would be issued to members giving options for dates/times that are most suitable for these workshops.

Ms Caroline Quigley referred to a leaflet that NIHE produced, which might be helpful for consideration as part of this process.

PCSP Manager

Broken Glass, Castle Park, Castlederg – The Chair referred to broken glass in Castle Park, Castlederg. As there are no CSW and no CCTV the push is on the community and the NPTs. He requested that NPTs pay attention to this area.

PSNI

DSPCSP 10/26

Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP PC Meeting has been arranged for 31 March 2026 in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Derry at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.56 am.

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ACTIONS

03/26, Pg3	ASSIST to share information on what services are lacking to PCSP	ASSIST
03/26, Pg3	ASSIST to provide an update to PCSP every 6 months	PCSP Manager
03/26, Pg5	Supt Claire Hamilton to review incident at weekend where young girl was in house and door was being kicked in. PSNI did not respond to calls. Update to be provided to members.	PSNI
03/26, Pg5	Incident of man found in Shipquay Street. PSNI refused to help. Supt Hamilton to check this out and provide update to members.	PSNI
03/26, Pg 5 & 6	Supt Claire Hamilton to provide information to PCSP on "Right Care, Right Person" initiative led by ACC Ryan Henderson.	PSNI
03/26, Pg 5 & 6	Ald McMorris to speak to Catherine (Derry Women's Centre) to ascertain if Michelle (ASSIST) can speak at event in Guildhall for International Women's Day.	Ald McMorris
05/26, Pg 6	Training for taxi drivers to be developed by PSNI in partnership with FWA.	PSNI
05/26, Pg 6 & 7	In response to concerns re NPTs not attending CST meetings in Outer West or engaging with CSWs, Supt Claire Hamilton will take this back to NPTs for action.	PSNI
07/26, Pg7	Conflict of Interest Declarations – 2 outstanding.	PCSP Members
07/26, Pg 8	An official invitation to be issued to PCSP members re celebration event on Tuesday 31 st March 2026 at 12 noon in Guildhall for the Comic Book project.	PCSP Manager
07/26, Pg 9	It was agreed to write to PSNI and Justice Minister, DoJ re previous correspondence issued from H&C re CCTV.	PCSP Manager
09/26, Pg10	It was agreed that the PCSP response to the Naloxone consultation should be shared with H&C.	PCSP Manager
10/26, Pg11	PSNI to follow up with Patsy McGonagle and the victim following a dog attack in Sion Mills re confidence in policing.	PSNI
10/26, Pg11	Promotion of NIFRS stations available as a safe space.	PCSP
10/26, Pg11	Good Relations – Myth Busting Workshops. It was agreed that dates/times would be circulated to PCSP members to co-ordinate a suitable date for the PCSP workshop on race hate/tension.	PCSP
10/26, Pg11	NPTs to pay attention to Castle Park, Castledearg in relation to ASB.	PSNI