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## ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

### BEATing the Summer Blues

Would you like to spend a summer learning how to create street art or spin the decks? What about learning some self-defence, boxing or cultural arts and crafts?

Over 100 young people in Antrim & Newtownabbey got to spend their summer doing just that through the BEAT programme, funded by the local PCSP, the District Good Relations

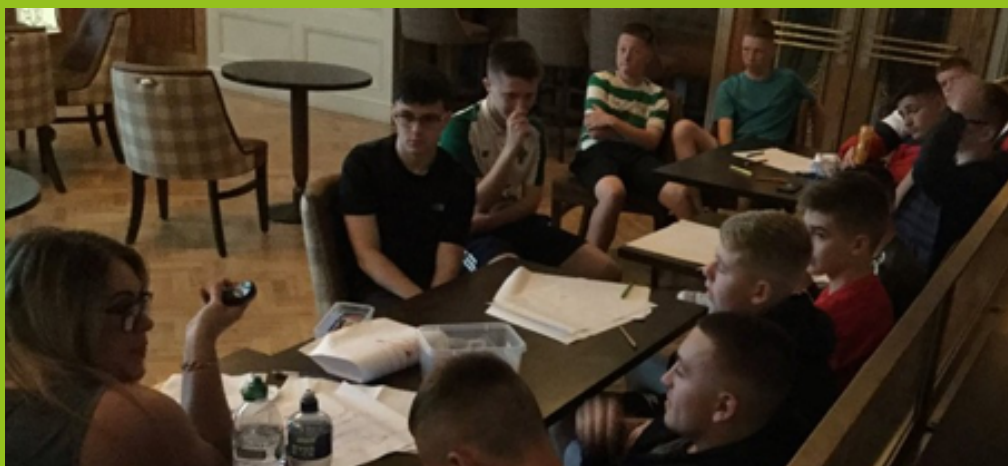
Programme and the Housing Executive, which has been on the go for 10 years.

Designed to challenge attitudes and change behaviour in young people, they also got to take part in educational workshops covering positive mental and sexual health and relationships, first aid, drugs and alcohol awareness, peer pressure and police engagement.

**100+** young people attended 8 weeks of workshops



Young people engaging in an education session in Glengormley BEAT



Members of St Matthews FC, Belfast and Fiona McCormick NEXUS NI at a recent Talking About Consent Workshop

### Let's Talk Consent

Sexual consent is often a difficult topic to broach for young people. The Talking About Consent project, delivered by NEXUS NI and funded by Belfast PCSP, is designed to support youth clubs and schools across the city in opening up conversations around sex and sexual consent for young people. It also provides information on where young people can access support or report crimes.

Resources with useful contacts on help available for victims of sexual and domestic violence were made available, with counselling support offered by NEXUS NI.

**34**  Workshops

**600+**  Students

**97%**  Improved awareness

**95%**  More likely to report crimes

## ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

### Fighting fire with fun

Young people in Ballyarnett and the surrounding areas have been learning all about the hard work of the Fire Service thanks to Derry & Strabane PCSP and On Street Community Youth.

Summer can be a time when tensions run high so to divert some of that energy and respond to attacks on the emergency services in the area, the PCSP organised

visits to the local Northland Road fire station so that young people could get a closer look at what firefighters are all about.

The visits were designed to build a greater sense of community between young people, residents and the emergency services, as well as reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour and crime within the communities surrounding Ballyarnett.



26  
Young people attended



100%  
Changed attitude



Young people climb aboard the fire engine

## IMPROVING OPERATIONS

### CJINI Report Published

Criminal Justice Inspection NI (CJINI) has undertaken a follow up review of PCSPs, looking at how well recommendations they made in 2014 have been implemented.

The good news is the report was positive about the work undertaken by PCSPs over the last four years. Progress which gained particularly positive feedback included the development of an outcomes based accountability approach to PCSP work and improved governance mechanisms.

The report also includes seven recommendations and eight suggested areas for further improvement.

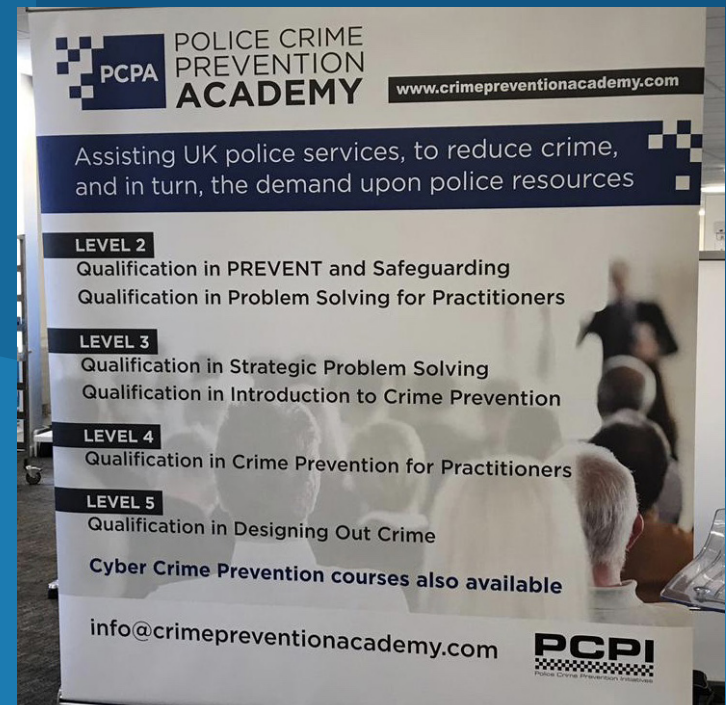
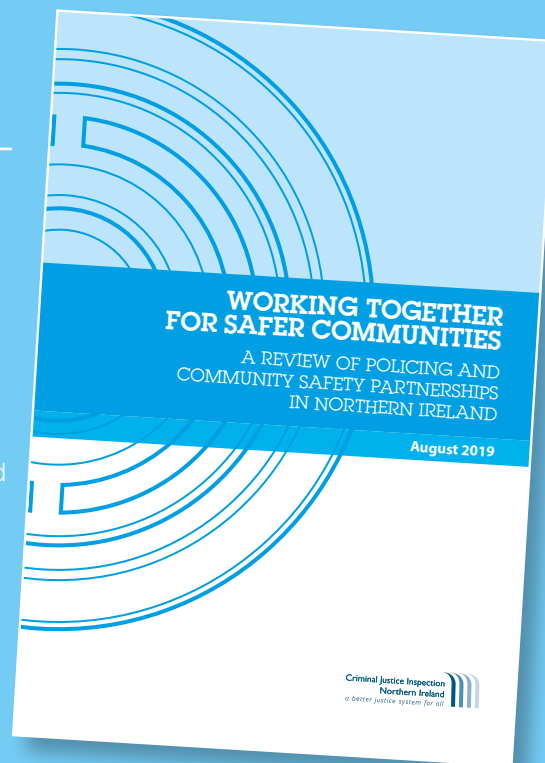
Welcoming the recommendations, Joint Committee Co-Chairs Dolores Kelly MLA and Anthony Harbinson said the recognition of progress made is very welcome.

They said:

***“Over the last few years, the Board and the Department of Justice have been working closely with the PCSPs to make improvements to increase their overall effectiveness and ensure that they are delivering outcome based initiatives which help make our communities safer.***

***The Board and the Department are very much committed to keeping this momentum going and will ensure that the recommendations made by CJINI as a result of this review are considered and actioned.”***

[click here](#) to read the report



### Crime Prevention Qualifications

PCSP staff have been investing in their crime prevention knowledge by taking on an accredited qualification delivered by the Police Crime Prevention Academy.

The qualification provides learning and development opportunities for those within public organisations who have a statutory duty to deliver safer communities.

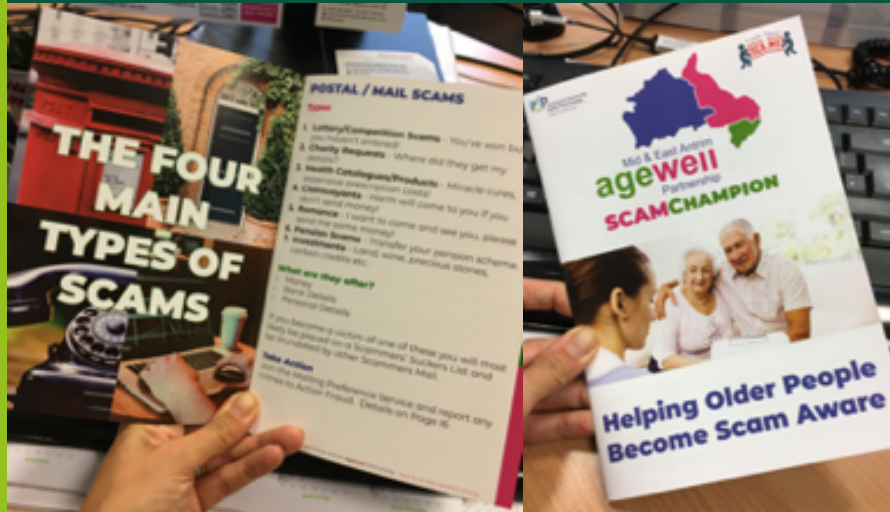
Find out more about the qualifications delivered by the Academy by emailing [info@crimepreventionacademy.com](mailto:info@crimepreventionacademy.com)

## CHANGING OUR COMMUNITIES

### SCAMChampions

Every year in the UK, £10 billion is stolen by scammers. The average age of a scam victim is 75, and 53% of people aged 65 or over have been targeted by scammers. This is why Mid & East Antrim PCSP and Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership have hooked up to deliver free 30 minute training sessions to local businesses so staff will know how to help customers who may be scammed.

As well as the training, businesses will also receive gift bags for customers packed with helpful booklets and information so that they are well equipped to protect themselves from any opportunistic scammers.



A sneak peek at the resources



Tracy Meharg, Department for Communities Permanent Secretary and Peter May, Department of Justice Permanent Secretary with representatives from member organisations of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Multi-Agency Support Hub.

### Many hands, serious work

The latest Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH) has just opened in Antrim & Newtownabbey, designed to identify and engage with the most vulnerable people in the District and offer them the support they need from a single location.

When things get difficult in someone's life and they need to reach out for help, they often have to re-tell their story several times to several agencies. The Support Hub allows multiple statutory agencies including the Health and Social Care Trust, Council, PCSP, PSNI, Housing Executive and others to share information and work in collaboration to find solutions that will have a positive impact.

 **30** Local Businesses

**10,000** Support Packs



**FRIENDS AGAINST SCAMS**

## CHANGING OUR COMMUNITIES



Community Wardens on the beat in Derry and Strabane.

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Officer Michael McCafferty and Chair Ald George Duddy recently launched the new 'Where is your child tonight?' PCSP campaign throughout the area. The campaign is designed to get parents to stop and question where their children are and the dangers they could be facing.

### Community Safety rewarded

Derry City & Strabane District Council's Community Safety Warden Scheme has been announced as a finalist in the 'Best Community and Neighbourhood Initiative' category of this year's Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Services Awards.

The scheme has been going since 2009, is supported by the Council and statutory partners, and managed by the PCSP. It's become an example of best practice, with 9 of the 11 Council Districts now hosting their own Community Safety Warden and Street Pastor Schemes.

Derry City & Strabane District Council Mayor Cllr Michaela Boyle said: "I would like to thank all involved in the warden's scheme for directly contributing to a substantial reduction in anti-social behaviour in the city – and for making a real difference to the lives of local residents!

**It is always pleasing when the hard work and dedication of our Council officers and staff get recognised at such an esteemed level."**

**524**  
Referrals

**100%**  
of people  
felt safer

**3756**  
Patrols  
Delivered



## KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE

*“These have been so popular so far – if there’s any more, I’ll take them!”*

Cllr Mark Collins, PCSP Member

### Kill Your Speed

Speed is one of the main factors in road traffic collisions in Northern Ireland, and that’s one of the reasons why Mid & East Antrim PCSP has prioritised Road Safety initiatives in its 2019/20 action plan.

One of these initiatives will result in 200 ‘Kill your speed, not a child’ signs throughout the District, particularly outside schools and in built up areas where drivers frequently break the speed limit.



Signs in Ballymena and Glarryford

**20**  
Areas Served

**200**  
Signs Purchased

### Have Speed Indicator, Will Travel

Ards & North Down PCSP have been funding a local speed indication device at locations where excessive speeding has been reported.

Since April 2019, the device has been on the road 23 times, identifying hotspot areas which are then passed on to the PSNI.

Terry Malcolm, Chair of the Ards & North Down Road Safety Committee, said: **“Our group were pleased to receive funding from our local PCSP. This allows us to keep an eye on roads where we would get constant complaints and reduce the speeds in these areas. I think our message is quite clear: SLOW DOWN, road safety starts with you.”**



The sign's been out catching speeders in Bangor

## KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE

*“This is a real positive example of a local solution delivered by local people.” PCSP Chair Cllr Paul Dunlop*

### It Takes a Village

Villages in Antrim & Newtownabbey District are on a drive to increase Road Safety awareness after it was identified as a high concern in their village development plans.

In response to that and as part of its own action plan, Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP, working with several groups including the PSNI, the local council and the Department for Infrastructure, have launched a new Community Speed Watch project across villages in the district.

Twelve devices which monitor real-time speeds and vehicle numbers have been placed across the area.

They then store data that can be used to measure speeding, traffic levels and any positive effects which come from the project.

PCSP Chair Cllr Paul Dunlop said: **“Speeding is one of the main causation factors of death and serious injury on our roads and motorists need to be aware of the devastating consequences of road traffic collisions.**

**This is a real, positive example of a local solution delivered by local people.”**



Pictured (from l-r) are: PCSP Chair Cllr Paul Dunlop, Insp Tate, Neighbourhood Policing Team and Cllr Paul Hamill, Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.



**6** Partner Agencies Involved



**12** Speed Indicator Devices



## Bike Safe

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP have been working with PSNI, NIFRS and people from the motorcycle industry to help motorcyclists learn how to become safer riders and avoid common causes of accidents.

Following a morning classroom session on safety essentials, riders took off around a pre-planned route with trained PSNI Bike Safe officers who gave them tips on how to improve their driving.

And every one of them admitted that it was worthwhile. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?



**28** Bikers Attended



PCSP Chair and biker Cllr Thomas O'Reilly with Bike Safe officers and participants

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