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**TO ENSURE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND
AN EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, IMPARTIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE
POLICE SERVICE WHICH WILL SECURE THE CONFIDENCE
OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.**

INTRODUCTION

THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

The Northern Ireland Policing Board is an independent public body whose job it is to oversee policing in Northern Ireland. It was set up on 4 November 2001 as a result of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000. The Policing Board is not controlled by Government and has strong independent powers to carry out its work.

The Policing Board consists of 19 Members, ten political members of the Northern Ireland Assembly and nine Independent Members appointed through open competition. Following the suspension of the Assembly in October 2002 the Policing Board was reconstituted by the Secretary of State to enable it to continue its work on behalf of the community.

The main role of the Policing Board is to ensure that the Police Service of Northern Ireland is effective and efficient. The Policing Board holds the Chief Constable to account for all his actions and those of his staff. This means that the Chief Constable must answer to the Policing Board on any aspect of policing in Northern Ireland. However, the Policing Board cannot, and do not, direct or control the Chief Constable. He has the right to take independent policing decisions based only on the need to uphold law and order. This is called operational responsibility. But he must in turn answer for his actions to the Policing Board. This process is what effective accountability is all about.

Finding out what the community wants from their police service; what they think about the service that is delivered, and how it is performing, is vital if the Board is to carry out that role.

The Board must also keep itself informed as to:

- Trends and patterns in recruitment to the police and the police support staff; and
- The extent to which membership of the police and police support staff is representative of the community in Northern Ireland and assess:
- The effectiveness of measures taken to secure that the membership of the police service is representative of the community; and
- The level of public satisfaction with the performance of the police and the District Policing Partnerships (DPPs).

In order to gauge public satisfaction and consider the views of the public on policing, the Policing Board conducts a programme of consultation and research activities involving a range of groups and organisations. The results of this consultation and research are published by the Policing Board to ensure openness and transparency, and to advise the public of its findings.



DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS

District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) were established in March 2003 under Section 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000. The functions of a DPP are to :

- Provide views to the police District Commander and to the NI Policing Board on any matter concerning the policing of the district ;
- Monitor the performance of the police in carrying out the Annual Policing Plan as it relates to the district and the Local Policing Plan ;
- Make arrangement for obtaining the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the district and the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime ; and
- Act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district.

DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (DPP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY

The Central Survey Unit of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) was commissioned to carry out the survey on behalf of the Northern Ireland Policing Board and District Policing Partnerships (DPPs). This postal survey involved questionnaires being sent to almost 60,000 households across Northern Ireland (NI) selected at random from the Valuation and Lands Agency list of addresses. Unique identifiers were included with the questionnaires to enable results to be broken down by District Command Unit (DPP boundaries are identical to District Command Unit boundaries).

The results have been broken down by DPP area and have been supplied to DPPs and District Commanders so that the information can be used in the drawing up of Local Policing Plans for 2005/2006. This bulletin reflects the results of the core survey questions only (ie questions asked in all DPP areas across NI) as the optional local questions which were requested by some DPPs do not have full NI coverage. The results from these core questions across NI will help inform the Performance Indicators and Targets contained in the 2005/2006 Annual Policing Plan.

A total of 15,361 questionnaires were returned representing a response rate of 26%. A total of 8,804 questionnaires (57%) were completed by Protestant respondents, 4,645 (30%) were from Catholic respondents, 363 respondents (2%) stated a religion other than Protestant or Catholic, 619 respondents (4%) stated "No Religion" and 930 respondents (6%) did not answer the question. More females (7,451 or 49%) returned questionnaires than males (6,854 or 45%) and 1,056 respondents (7%) did not disclose their gender.

1. POLICING PRIORITIES

Q1: What do you feel are currently the biggest problems in your District Council area?

Respondents were asked to select the five biggest problems in their area from a given list and to rank these five problems in priority order. Tables 1a-1c show the percentage of respondents who rated each issue within their five biggest concerns. Tables 1a-1c show that across Northern Ireland in 2004, the public rate Domestic Burglary, Underage Drinking, Young People Causing a Nuisance and Speeding and as their greatest concerns. These priorities are broadly similar to those found in 2003 except for Vehicle Crime and Attacks on the Elderly which were lower priorities in 2004. A new response category introduced in 2004, Flags and Emblems, was rated within the top 5 priorities of 25% of respondents.

Table 1a shows that Protestants were more concerned than Catholics with Paramilitary Activity (24% compared to 12%) and less concerned with Underage Drinking (41%) than Catholics (55%). Table 1b shows that males and females had broadly similar concerns except for Speeding which was of more concern to females and Domestic Burglary which was more of a concern to males. Table 1c shows public concerns were fairly consistent across the age groups. However, 16-24 year olds were most concerned about Underage Drinking (53%) and least concerned about Domestic Burglary (29%). The following issues have been omitted from Tables 1a-1c as less than 5% of respondents rated them within their five biggest concerns : Street Robbery/Mugging, Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Attacks, Racial Crimes and Homophobic Crimes.

Table 1a Percentage of respondents who identified each issue/activity within their five biggest concerns by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Domestic Burglary	57	52	49	45	54	41	54	46	59	45	55	49
Underage Drinking	43	41	58	55	37	38	40	37	44	45	47	45
Speeding	45	43	43	41	36	39	38	35	41	44	43	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	43	43	43	42	48	42	46	43	41	45	43	43
Vandalism	40	37	38	33	39	35	46	39	39	38	39	36
Attacks on the Elderly	42	33	34	27	30	25	31	22	44	30	39	30
Vehicle Crime	38	30	39	31	36	30	37	29	39	32	38	30
Drug Dealing	28	26	29	26	27	23	25	20	30	28	28	26
Drug Use	25	22	29	24	20	20	18	16	24	22	26	22
Paramilitary Activity	29	24	15	12	32	28	38	28	25	19	25	20
Public Drunkenness	20	23	27	28	26	28	25	29	24	26	23	25
Drink/Drug Driving	19	17	23	22	18	14	17	13	21	19	20	18
Assaults	19	16	23	19	24	18	22	22	15	15	20	17
Public Disorder	13	12	15	14	20	17	16	16	15	14	14	13
Bogus Callers	11	9	8	6	10	6	6	7	10	8	10	8
Flags and Emblems		23		27		30		39		23		25

Table 1b Percentage of respondents who identified each issue/activity within their five biggest concerns by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Domestic Burglary	57	53	52	45	52	49	55	49
Underage Drinking	45	43	49	47	47	45	47	45
Speeding	39	38	47	45	44	44	43	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	43	43	43	43	41	41	43	43
Vandalism	40	37	39	35	39	35	39	36
Attacks on the Elderly	39	32	37	28	49	36	39	30
Vehicle Crime	39	31	37	30	36	29	38	30
Drug Dealing	29	27	27	25	28	24	28	26
Drug Use	24	21	27	24	31	22	26	22
Paramilitary Activity	27	23	23	18	21	17	25	20
Public Drunkenness	23	26	22	25	28	25	23	25
Drink/Drug Driving	16	16	23	21	23	17	20	18
Assaults	23	19	17	15	17	14	20	17
Public Disorder	16	14	12	12	17	13	14	13
Bogus Callers	9	8	10	8	11	8	10	8
Flags and Emblems		26		25		24		25

Table 1c Percentage of respondents who identified each issue/activity within their five biggest concerns by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Domestic Burglary	27	29	50	45	56	52	58	51	51	42	55	49
Underage Drinking	55	53	49	46	49	47	43	42	44	43	47	45
Speeding	37	34	41	41	41	40	48	45	40	44	43	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	47	49	49	48	43	42	39	41	40	39	43	43
Vandalism	41	35	39	34	39	36	41	38	36	31	39	36
Attacks on the Elderly	21	20	25	21	35	27	53	41	47	37	39	30
Vehicle Crime	31	29	42	36	40	31	34	26	35	26	38	30
Drug Dealing	28	30	28	26	31	28	25	22	30	26	28	26
Drug Use	25	26	24	22	28	23	25	21	27	21	26	22
Paramilitary Activity	36	27	30	24	26	22	19	16	26	15	25	20
Public Drunkenness	27	29	24	25	24	27	21	23	27	27	23	25
Drink/Drug Driving	26	25	22	21	17	16	22	18	33	21	20	18
Assaults	29	23	24	19	23	19	14	12	20	17	20	17
Public Disorder	21	18	17	15	15	14	11	10	18	12	14	13
Bogus Callers	10	7	7	6	8	6	14	11	13	9	10	8
Flags and Emblems		25		29		26		23		20		25

Q2: Which activities from the list below do you think the PSNI in your District Council area should be concentrating most resources on ?

Respondents were asked to select and rank the five activities from a given list that they would like to see PSNI concentrating most resources on. Tables 2a-2c reflect the proportion of respondents who ranked each activity within their top five priorities. Overall in 2004, 70% of respondents thought that Beat/Foot Patrolling was the activity they wished to see more resources concentrated on. Prompt Response to Emergencies, Crime Prevention and Investigating Crime were other main areas where respondents wished to see more resources deployed.

These trends are broadly similar to those found in 2003 except for Vehicle Patrolling which is much less of a priority in 2004. Table 2a shows that Protestant respondents (76%) were much more in favour of increased Beat/Foot Patrolling than Catholic respondents (59%), but that Catholic respondents were more likely to want the police to concentrate more on Improving Community Relations (40%) than Protestant respondents (25%). Table 2b shows that males and females have largely similar priorities except that more males than females wished to see more Beat/Foot Patrolling (75% compared to 66%) and more Investigating Crime (63% compared to 55%). Table 2c shows a relatively consistent pattern of priorities across the age groups apart from 16-24 year olds who were less concerned with Beat/Foot Patrolling (54%) and more concerned with policing public disorder (41%) than any other age group. Also the over 61 age group desired more police resources to be deployed on Crime Prevention (68%).

Table 2a Percentage of respondents who identified each activity within their five biggest priorities by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Beat/Foot Patrolling	74	76	56	59	74	71	74	72	68	71	68	70
Investigating Crime	58	60	56	56	56	56	60	62	56	58	58	58
Prompt Response to Emergencies	58	66	53	58	55	63	59	64	57	65	57	64
Crime Prevention	56	63	55	58	48	52	51	54	53	58	55	61
Vehicle Patrolling	49	35	43	31	48	29	50	37	48	29	47	33
Enforcing Drug Laws	41	42	44	45	39	38	31	32	43	46	42	43
Increased Involvement with Young People	34	39	39	41	40	43	39	39	29	38	36	40
Policing Public Disorder	26	26	27	30	33	30	31	32	25	23	27	27
Improving Community Relations	20	25	37	40	28	37	28	34	20	29	26	31
Road Traffic Duties	21	20	22	21	21	17	19	16	21	19	21	20
Providing More Help/ Support to Victims	17	17	17	16	19	19	16	16	22	19	17	17
Working in Partnership with other Agencies	8	11	17	20	12	16	13	20	8	14	11	14

Table 2b Percentage of respondents who identified each activity within their five biggest priorities by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Beat/Foot Patrolling	73	75	64	66	64	70	68	70
Investigating Crime	60	63	56	55	44	53	58	58
Prompt Response to Emergencies	57	65	56	63	51	59	57	64
Crime Prevention	54	59	57	62	57	63	55	61
Vehicle Patrolling	49	37	46	30	42	33	47	33
Enforcing Drug Laws	40	41	43	44	45	43	42	43
Increased Involvement with Young People	33	36	39	44	32	35	36	40
Policing Public Disorder	26	27	27	28	25	22	27	27
Improving Community Relations	25	29	27	32	26	33	26	31
Road Traffic Duties	21	20	21	20	17	20	21	20
Providing More Help/ Support to Victims	16	15	19	19	22	17	17	17
Working in Partnership with Other Agencies	10	14	12	15	10	14	11	14

Table 2c Percentage of respondents who identified each activity within their five biggest priorities by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Beat/Foot Patrolling	53	54	64	66	70	71	70	74	55	66	68	70
Investigating Crime	62	53	62	58	60	62	52	56	49	49	58	58
Prompt Response to Emergencies	53	60	54	63	58	64	58	64	46	56	57	64
Crime Prevention	52	54	50	55	51	58	64	68	56	57	55	61
Vehicle Patrolling	42	30	51	35	50	33	42	32	33	29	47	33
Enforcing Drug Laws	37	40	39	39	45	46	40	42	42	43	42	43
Increased Involvement with Young People	46	49	42	45	38	42	30	35	27	30	36	40
Policing Public Disorder	37	41	32	34	27	29	23	21	19	21	27	27
Improving Community Relations	29	31	31	35	26	31	23	28	23	31	26	31
Road Traffic Duties	22	20	23	21	20	19	21	21	17	17	21	20
Providing More Help/Support to Victims	23	24	17	16	16	16	19	18	29	19	17	17
Working in Partnership with other Agencies	11	13	11	15	12	15	10	14	7	11	11	14

2. SATISFACTION WITH POLICING

Q3: Overall, how satisfied are you with policing in your District Council area ?

Tables 3a-3c show that overall in 2004, more respondents were satisfied with policing in their local area (33%) than dissatisfied (25%). Satisfaction with overall policing was higher in 2004 (33%) than in 2003 (29%) and dissatisfaction was lower (25% compared to 31%). Catholic respondent satisfaction with overall policing in their local area increased from 26% in 2003 to 33% in 2004 (Table 3a). Table 3b shows that males were less satisfied than females with overall policing in their area and Table 3c shows that 16-24 year olds had lower levels of satisfaction and higher levels of dissatisfaction with overall policing than respondents aged over 25.

Table 3a Satisfaction with policing in respondents - District Council by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	4	4	3	4	4	6	3	3	2	3	4	4
Satisfied	27	30	23	29	27	25	21	23	19	25	25	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	36	41	41	42	36	41	39	44	37	36	38	41
Dissatisfied	23	17	21	17	21	21	23	20	25	22	22	18
Very Dissatisfied	8	6	10	7	10	7	12	9	10	10	9	7
Don't Know	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	6	3	2	1

Table 3b Satisfaction with policing in respondents - District Council by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	3	4	4	4	6	5	4	4
Satisfied	24	28	27	31	24	26	25	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	35	40	40	43	33	39	38	41
Dissatisfied	26	19	20	16	19	19	22	18
Very Dissatisfied	10	8	7	6	12	7	9	7
Don't Know	2	1	3	1	7	4	2	1

Table 3c Satisfaction with policing in respondents District Council by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	5	2	3	3	3	3	5	6	6	5	4	4
Satisfied	27	26	24	26	24	27	28	35	20	31	25	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	43	43	42	45	37	42	34	39	34	33	38	41
Dissatisfied	15	19	21	19	25	20	21	14	22	16	22	18
Very Dissatisfied	9	10	9	7	10	8	8	5	9	9	9	7
Don't Know	1	1	1	0	1	1	5	2	8	6	2	1

Q4: How Satisfied are you with levels of police foot patrols in your District Council area ?

Tables 4a-4c show that respondents are generally dissatisfied with the levels of foot patrols in their area in 2004 with 50% of respondents expressing dissatisfaction (16% were very dissatisfied) and 14% expressing any degree of satisfaction. However, satisfaction with foot patrolling was higher in 2004 (14%) than in 2003 (10%) whilst dissatisfaction was much lower in 2004 (50%) compared to 62% in 2003. Table 4a shows that Protestant respondents were more dissatisfied with levels of foot patrols than Catholic respondents (51% compared to 45% respectively). Table 4b shows that males were less satisfied and more dissatisfied than females with levels of foot patrols in their area. Table 4c shows that respondents aged 16-24 and 61+ had the highest satisfaction levels with foot patrols in their area (17%).

Table 4a Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents District Council by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Satisfied	9	12	11	15	9	12	6	9	6	10	9	12
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	22	31	28	33	24	31	25	34	22	31	24	32
Dissatisfied	42	36	37	30	37	35	41	34	38	32	40	34
Very Dissatisfied	23	15	20	15	27	17	25	20	26	18	22	16
Don't Know	2	4	3	5	2	5	1	3	6	7	3	5

Table 4b Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents District Council by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	2
Satisfied	8	11	11	14	11	11	9	12
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	21	30	27	34	22	31	24	32
Dissatisfied	41	36	39	32	35	32	40	34
Very Dissatisfied	26	18	19	14	22	16	22	16
Don't Know	2	4	3	5	8	8	3	5

Table 4c Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents District Council by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	5	1	2
Satisfied	17	15	10	12	8	10	10	15	9	14	9	12
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	31	34	28	34	22	32	23	31	22	27	24	32
Dissatisfied	29	32	39	34	41	36	41	32	31	26	40	34
Very Dissatisfied	21	16	22	18	26	17	19	12	22	14	22	16
Don't Know	1	1	1	2	2	3	5	8	12	13	3	5

Q5: How satisfied are you with levels of police vehicle patrols in your District Council area ?

Tables 5a-5c show that more respondents were dissatisfied in 2004 with the level of vehicle patrols in their area (36%) than were satisfied (23%). However, satisfaction with vehicle patrolling was higher in 2004 (23%) than in 2003 (18%) whilst dissatisfaction was much lower in 2004 (36%) compared to 48% in 2003. Table 5a shows fairly consistent attitudes amongst Protestant and Catholic respondents with satisfaction levels of 23% and 25% respectively and dissatisfaction levels of 38% and 32% for Catholic respondents.

There has been a significant decrease in Catholic dissatisfaction with local vehicle [patrolling from 45% in 2003 to 32% in 2004. Table 5b shows males and females to have broadly similar views on vehicle patrolling although males showed higher levels of dissatisfaction (38% compared to 35% for females). Table 5c shows that respondents aged 16-24 had the highest satisfaction levels (30%) of any age band.

Table 5a Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents - District Council by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2
Satisfied	16	21	18	23	13	16	15	16	13	17	16	21
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	29	34	31	35	32	36	35	37	27	32	30	34
Dissatisfied	34	28	31	23	33	30	32	29	32	28	33	26
Very Dissatisfied	15	10	14	9	17	9	15	12	18	12	15	10
Don't Know	4	6	5	7	3	7	2	4	7	9	4	6

Table 5b Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents - District Council by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Satisfied	16	21	17	22	16	16	16	21
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	28	34	31	35	24	34	30	34
Dissatisfied	35	27	32	26	31	25	33	26
Very Dissatisfied	16	11	14	9	16	10	15	10
Don't Know	3	6	4	7	11	12	4	6

Table 5c Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents - District Council by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Very Satisfied	4	4	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	3	2	2
Satisfied	29	26	17	22	14	19	17	22	13	18	16	21
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	35	34	32	36	29	35	29	33	22	27	30	34
Dissatisfied	20	29	33	27	36	29	31	23	27	21	33	26
Very Dissatisfied	12	5	15	11	17	11	13	8	15	11	15	10
Don't Know	0	2	1	2	2	4	7	11	20	21	4	6

3. AWARENESS OF DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs)

Q6: Have you heard of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) ?

Tables 6a-6c show that most respondents (67%) had heard of DPPs in 2004 compared to 59% in 2003. Knowledge of DPPs was slightly higher for Protestant respondents (68%) compared to Catholic respondents (67%) (Table 6a), for males (75%) compared to females (60%)(Table 6b) and for 41-60 year olds (73%) compared to all other age groups and especially higher than 16-24 year olds (41%) (Table 6c).

Table 6a Awareness of DPPs by religion

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	60	68	58	67	50	61	61	69	56	62	59	67
No	35	23	36	22	43	32	35	26	34	26	35	23
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	9	6	12	6	6	4	5	9	12	6	9

Table 6b Awareness of DPPs by gender

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	67	75	52	60	49	64	59	67
No	28	17	42	29	37	22	35	23
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	7	6	11	14	14	6	9

Table 6c Awareness of DPPs by age

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	41	41	59	65	65	73	53	65	47	52	59	67
No	52	47	38	27	31	20	37	22	35	27	35	23
Don't Know/Not Answered	7	11	2	8	3	7	10	14	17	20	6	9

Q7: Do you think that your local DPP is doing a good job?

Tables 7a-7c show that over one sixth of respondents (17%) thought that their local DPP is doing a good job, 15% thought the DPP was not doing a good job and 68% did not know. A lower percentage of Protestant respondents (16%) thought that their local DPP is doing a good job compared to 22% of Catholic respondents (Table 7a). There was very little difference in the views of males and females (Table 7b) and proportionately more respondents aged over 61 thought the DPP was doing a good job (24%) compared to all other age groups (Table 7c).

Table 7a Local DPP doing a good job by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Yes	16	22	13	7	17	17
No	14	14	20	19	19	15
Don't Know/Not Answered	70	64	68	74	64	68

Table 7b Local DPP doing a good job by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
2004				
Yes	17	17	17	17
No	16	13	18	15
Don't Know/Not Answered	66	70	64	68

Table 7c Local DPP doing a good job by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Yes	11	11	16	24	22	17
No	20	15	17	11	17	15
Don't Know/Not Answered	69	75	68	64	61	68

Q8 : How confident are you that your local DPP is helping to address local policing problems?

Tables 8a-8c show that more respondents (58%) were not confident/not at all confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems than those who were confident/very confident (34%). A lower percentage of Protestant respondents (33%) thought that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems than Catholic respondents (39%) (Table 8a). Males (34%) had less confidence in DPP helping to address local policing problems than females (35%)(Table 8b) and respondents over 61 had more confidence in the DPP addressing local policing problems (41%) than all other age groups (Table 8c).

Table 8a Local DPP helping to address local problems by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Very confident	2	3	2	0	1	2
Confident	31	36	26	23	27	32
Not confident	50	45	47	52	51	49
Not at all confident	9	9	14	14	12	9
Don't Know/Not Answered	8	7	12	10	8	8

Table 8b Local DPP helping to address local problems by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
2004				
Very confident	2	2	2	2
Confident	32	33	28	32
Not confident	49	49	48	49
Not at all confident	11	8	12	9
Don't Know/Not Answered	6	9	10	8

Table 8c Local DPP helping to address local problems by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Very confident	1	1	2	3	3	2
Confident	35	28	30	38	31	32
Not confident	53	53	52	41	45	49
Not at all confident	9	11	10	8	9	9
Don't Know/Not Answered	3	7	7	10	11	8

Q9: How confident are you that the membership of your local DPP reflects your District Council area (in terms of religion, gender, age etc)?

Tables 9a-9c show that more respondents (49%) were not confident/not at all confident that the membership of their local DPP reflects the local area than those who were very confident/confident (39%). A lower percentage of Protestant

respondents (37%) thought that the membership of their local DPP reflected the local area compared to 42% of Catholic respondents (Table 9a). Males (42%) were more confident than females (37%) that the membership of their local DPP reflected the local area characteristics (Table 9b) and 16-24 year olds and respondents aged over 61 (both 41%) were more confident than any other age group that the membership of their local DPP reflects the local area characteristics (Table 9c).

Table 9a Confidence in representativeness of local DPP by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Very confident	2	3	3	1	2	2
Confident	37	39	26	26	34	37
Not confident	42	39	43	47	40	41
Not at all confident	7	8	11	12	10	8
Don't Know/Not Answered	12	11	17	14	14	12

Table 9b Confidence in representativeness of local DPP by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
2004				
Very confident	3	2	3	2
Confident	39	35	34	37
Not confident	40	43	40	41
Not at all confident	9	6	8	8
Don't Know/Not Answered	10	13	15	12

Table 9c Confidence in representativeness of local DPP by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Very confident	3	1	2	3	5	2
Confident	41	33	36	41	36	37
Not confident	45	46	43	35	36	41
Not at all confident	7	10	8	6	8	8
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	10	11	15	15	12

Q10: Are you prepared to contact your local DPP regarding local policing?

Tables 10a - 10c show that 49% of respondents are prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing. Protestant respondents (48%) are less prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing compared to Catholic respondents (50%) (Table 10a). Males (54%) are much more likely to be prepared to contact their local DPP than females (44%) (Table 10b). Respondents aged 41-60 (53%) were more prepared to contact their local DPP than any other age group especially 16-24 year olds (31%) (Table 10c).

Table 10a Contact your local DPP regarding local policing by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Yes	48	50	55	52	49	49
No	18	18	13	17	17	18
Don't Know/Not Answered	33	32	32	31	34	33

Table 10b Contact your local DPP regarding local policing by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
2004				
Yes	54	44	49	49
No	18	18	19	18
Don't Know/Not Answered	29	39	32	33

Table 10c Contact your local DPP regarding local policing by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
2004						
Yes	31	42	53	51	48	49
No	31	19	17	18	21	18
Don't Know/Not Answered	39	39	31	32	31	33

Q11: Do you know who the members of your local DPP are?

Tables 11a - 11c show that few respondents in 2004 who had heard of DPPs knew who the members of their local DPP were (18%). However, knowledge of DPP membership in 2004 (18%) was higher than in 2003 (16%). Knowledge of local DPP membership was lower for Protestant respondents (17%) compared to Catholic respondents (23%) (Table 11a), higher for males than females (19% compared to 17% (Table 11b) and highest for respondents aged 41-60 (20%) compared to all other age groups and especially higher than for 6-24 year olds (14%) (Table 11c).

Table 11a Knowledge of DPP membership by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	14	17	20	23	12	12	13	14	12	19	16	18
No	81	73	75	66	85	76	83	77	83	69	79	71
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	11	5	11	3	12	4	8	6	11	5	11

Table 11b Knowledge of DPP membership by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	16	19	16	17	20	20	16	18
No	80	71	79	71	73	68	79	71
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	10	5	12	7	12	5	11

Table 11c Knowledge of DPP membership by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	10	14	13	15	17	20	17	19	17	16	16	18
No	85	80	84	75	79	71	77	68	77	70	79	71
Don't Know/Not Answered	6	5	4	11	5	9	7	13	6	15	5	11

Q12: Do you know how to contact your local DPP?

Tables 12a - 12c show that relatively few respondents who had heard of DPPs knew how to contact their local DPP in 2004 (19%). However, the proportion of respondents who knew how to contact their local DPP in 2004 (19%) was higher than in 2003 (14%). Knowledge of how to contact DPPs was higher for Catholic respondents (20%) compared to Protestant respondents (18%) (Table 12a), higher for males (19%) compared to females (18%) (Table 12b) and higher for respondents aged 41-60 and over 61 (20%) compared to all other age groups (Table 12c).

Table 12a Knowledge of how to contact local DPP by religion

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	13	18	14	20	17	15	13	15	12	19	14	19
No	82	73	81	70	79	74	82	78	84	71	82	72
Don't Know/Not Answered	5	9	4	10	4	10	5	8	4	9	5	9

Table 12b Knowledge of how to contact local DPP by gender

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	13	19	14	18	16	19	14	19
No	82	73	81	72	78	71	82	72
Don't Know/Not Answered	4	8	5	11	6	10	5	9

Table 12c Knowledge of how to contact local DPP by age

All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Yes	12	17	11	15	14	20	16	20	11	16	14	19
No	84	78	86	76	83	73	77	69	80	70	82	72
Don't Know/Not Answered	4	6	4	8	4	8	7	11	9	15	5	9

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