

# DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (DPP) PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY MAY 2006

# 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, and comprises Political Members and Independent Members who have been appointed by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

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 does 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 police service that is delivered and how they think the police is performing, is vital if the Board is to carry out its 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. This publication is such an example and other survey and research findings can be found in the Publications section of the Policing Board's website at [www.nipolicingboard.org.uk](http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk).

# DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs)

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 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 arrangements 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 60,000 households across Northern Ireland in May 2006, which were 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 PSNI 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 PSNI District Commanders so that they can be used in the drawing up of Local Policing Plans for 2007/2008. This publication reflects the results of the core survey questions only (i.e. questions asked in all DPP areas across Northern Ireland), as the optional local questions which were requested by some DPPs do not have full Northern Ireland coverage. The results from these core questions across Northern Ireland will help inform the Performance Indicators and Targets contained in the 2007-2010 Policing Plan, which will be published in March 2007.

A total of 12,197 questionnaires were returned, representing a response rate of 20%. A total of 7,067 questionnaires (58%) were completed by Protestant respondents, 3,430 (28%) were from Catholic respondents, 308 respondents (3%) stated a religion other than Protestant or Catholic, 576 respondents (5%) stated "No Religion" and 816 respondents (7%) did not answer the question. More females (6,284 or 52%) returned questionnaires than males (5,362 or 44%) and 551 respondents (5%) did not disclose their gender.

### Notes

1. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.
2. Where a question has not been answered by a respondent, the results are presented as "Not answered."
3. The following symbols are used in the accompanying results tables:

Category not applicable	-	Cell is empty
Category result less than 0.5%	-	Cell contains a zero ("0")

## SECTION 1. POLICING PRIORITIES

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

Respondents were asked to select the five biggest problems in their District Council area from a given list and to rank these five problems in priority order. Tables 1.1-1.3 show the percentage of respondents who rated each issue within their five biggest concerns. Across Northern Ireland, the public rate Domestic Burglary, Underage Drinking, Young People Causing a Nuisance and Vandalism as their greatest concerns. These priorities are broadly similar to those found in 2004, with Vandalism replacing Speeding as being among the greatest concerns in 2006. A new response category introduced in 2006 of Dangerous/Careless Driving was rated within the top five priorities of 34% of respondents. The following issues have been omitted from Tables 1.1-1.3 as less than 5% of respondents rated them within their five biggest concerns: Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Homophobic Crimes, Racial Crimes and Sexual Attacks.

Table 1.1 shows that Protestant respondents were more concerned than Catholic respondents with Domestic Burglary (45% compared to 37%) and less concerned with Underage Drinking than Catholics (40% compared to 48%). Protestants were much more concerned with Paramilitary Activity than Catholics (17% compared to 8%).

**Table 1.1: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing problem/issue within their five biggest concerns by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Domestic Burglary	52	45	45	37	41	36	46	38	45	39	49	42
Underage Drinking	41	40	55	48	38	36	37	35	45	39	45	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	43	39	42	37	42	45	43	40	45	38	43	39
Vandalism	37	41	33	38	35	34	39	40	38	37	36	39
Speeding	43	39	41	37	39	30	35	33	44	35	42	37
Dangerous/Careless Driving		33		35		34		30		31		34
Attacks on the Elderly	33	32	27	28	25	22	22	18	30	32	30	30
Drug Dealing	26	22	26	24	23	15	20	19	28	26	26	22
Public Drunkenness	23	19	28	24	28	29	29	26	26	21	25	21
Assaults	16	19	19	23	18	21	22	18	15	21	17	20
Flags and Emblems	23	16	27	23	30	27	39	31	23	19	25	19
Drug Use/Abuse <sup>1</sup>	22	18	24	21	20	18	16	15	22	20	22	19
Vehicle Crime	30	18	31	20	30	14	29	19	32	17	30	18
Drink/Drug Driving	17	16	22	21	14	17	13	16	19	19	18	18
Paramilitary Activity	24	17	12	8	28	22	28	22	19	15	20	15
Public Disorder	12	11	14	14	17	17	16	15	14	12	13	12
Sectarian Attacks	8	8	11	10	12	10	12	12	8	9	9	9
Bogus Callers	9	10	6	7	6	9	7	4	8	10	8	9
Street Robbery/Mugging	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	5	5

<sup>1</sup> In 2004 the policing problem/issue was 'drug use'.

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Table 1.2 shows that males and females had broadly similar concerns except for Assaults and Vandalism, which were of more concern to males than females and Speeding which was of more concern to females than males.

**Table 1.2: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing problem/issue within their five biggest concerns by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Domestic Burglary	53	43	45	40	49	38	49	42
Underage Drinking	43	41	47	42	45	43	45	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	43	39	43	39	41	39	43	39
Vandalism	37	42	35	37	35	40	36	39
Speeding	38	35	45	39	44	38	42	37
Dangerous/Careless Driving		33		34		32		34
Attacks on the Elderly	32	30	28	29	36	34	30	30
Drug Dealing	27	23	25	22	24	24	26	22
Public Drunkenness	26	22	25	21	25	19	25	21
Assaults	19	23	15	18	14	17	17	20
Flags and Emblems	26	19	25	19	24	14	25	19
Drug Use/Abuse <sup>1</sup>	21	18	24	20	22	15	22	19
Vehicle Crime	31	18	30	19	29	16	30	18
Drink/Drug Driving	16	16	21	19	17	16	18	18
Paramilitary Activity	23	16	18	14	17	11	20	15
Public Disorder	14	14	12	11	13	12	13	12
Sectarian Attacks	10	9	9	9	8	6	9	9
Bogus Callers	8	9	8	9	8	10	8	9
Street Robbery/Mugging	5	5	5	5	6	5	5	5

<sup>1</sup> In 2004 the policing problem/issue was 'drug use'.

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Table 1.3 shows public concerns were fairly consistent across the age groups. However, respondents aged 61 and over were more concerned about Attacks on the Elderly (40%) than any other age group, and the issue that 16-24 year olds were most concerned about was Young People Causing a Nuisance (46%). Domestic Burglary was much less of a concern for this age group compared with other groups.

**Table 1.3: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing problem/issue within their five biggest concerns by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Domestic Burglary	29	21	45	40	52	43	51	43	42	34	49	42
Underage Drinking	53	43	46	43	47	45	42	39	43	35	45	42
Young People Causing a Nuisance	49	46	48	45	42	40	41	34	39	34	43	39
Vandalism	35	35	34	34	36	40	38	42	31	36	36	39
Speeding	34	27	41	37	40	35	45	41	44	33	42	37
Dangerous/Careless Driving		27		33		32		36		30		34
Attacks on the Elderly	20	20	21	19	27	26	41	40	37	34	30	30
Drug Dealing	30	24	26	22	28	25	22	19	26	25	26	22
Public Drunkenness	29	26	25	25	27	23	23	18	27	21	25	21
Assaults	23	29	19	23	19	23	12	15	17	24	17	20
Flags and Emblems	25	19	29	22	26	21	23	16	20	14	25	19
Drug Use/Abuse <sup>1</sup>	26	16	22	19	23	22	21	16	21	17	22	19
Vehicle Crime	29	18	36	23	31	20	26	14	26	15	30	18
Drink/Drug Driving	25	20	21	19	16	16	18	18	21	19	18	18
Paramilitary Activity	27	26	24	19	22	17	16	11	15	11	20	15
Public Disorder	18	21	15	17	14	14	10	8	12	13	13	12
Sectarian Attacks	14	16	12	11	9	9	7	7	11	8	9	9
Bogus Callers	7	7	6	7	6	7	11	12	9	9	8	9
Street Robbery/ Mugging	5	7	4	3	4	5	6	6	6	4	5	5

<sup>1</sup> In 2004 the policing problem/issue was 'drug use'.

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

## Q2: Which policing activities do you think that 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 the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) concentrating most resources on. Tables 2.1-2.3 reflect the proportion of respondents who ranked each activity within their top five priorities. Overall 71% of respondents stated that Beat/Foot Patrolling was the activity they wished to see more resources concentrated on, as was the case in 2004. Prompt Response to Emergencies, Crime Prevention and Investigating Crime were other areas where respondents wished to see more resources deployed, again as was the case in 2004.

Table 2.1 shows that Protestant respondents (75%) were much more in favour of increased Beat/Foot Patrolling compared to Catholic respondents (62%), but that Catholic respondents were more likely to want the police to concentrate more on Improving Community Relations (38%) than Protestant respondents (23%).

**Table 2.1: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing activity within their five biggest priorities by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		None		Other		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Beat/Foot Patrolling	76	75	59	62	71	71	72	74	71	71	70	71
Prompt Response to Emergencies	66	65	58	57	63	61	64	65	65	58	64	62
Crime Prevention	63	62	58	59	52	62	54	60	58	57	61	61
Investigating Crime	60	56	56	50	56	48	62	60	58	52	58	54
Enforcing Drug Laws	42	41	45	43	38	30	32	27	46	44	43	40
Increased Involvement with Young People	39	39	41	42	43	48	39	41	38	38	40	40
Vehicle Patrolling	35	33	31	30	29	28	37	30	29	29	33	31
Improving Community Relations	25	23	40	38	37	32	34	31	29	30	31	28
Policing Public Disorder	26	25	30	27	30	30	32	28	23	25	27	26
Road Traffic Duties	20	24	21	24	17	25	16	21	19	22	20	24
Providing More Help/Support to Victims	17	18	16	17	19	22	16	16	19	16	17	18
Working in Partnership with Other Agencies	11	9	20	18	16	15	20	15	14	13	14	12

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Table 2.2 shows that males and females have largely similar priorities except that more males than females wished to see more Beat/Foot Patrolling (76% compared to 68%), whereas more females than males wished to see more Increased Involvement with Young People (44% compared to 36%).

**Table 2.2: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing activity within their five biggest priorities by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Beat/Foot Patrolling	75	76	66	68	70	67	70	71
Prompt Response to Emergencies	65	64	63	61	59	59	64	62
Crime Prevention	59	62	62	60	63	55	61	61
Investigating Crime	63	58	55	52	53	48	58	54
Enforcing Drug Laws	41	40	44	41	43	44	43	40
Increased Involvement with Young People	36	36	44	44	35	37	40	40
Vehicle Patrolling	37	33	30	30	33	31	33	31
Improving Community Relations	29	27	32	30	33	27	31	28
Policing Public Disorder	27	25	28	27	22	26	27	26
Road Traffic Duties	20	23	20	24	20	24	20	24
Providing More Help/Support to Victims	15	16	19	20	17	15	17	18
Working in Partnership with Other Agencies	14	11	15	13	14	10	14	12

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Table 2.3 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 (57%) and more concerned with Policing Public Disorder (36%) than any other group.

**Table 2.3: Percentage of respondents who identified each policing activity within their five biggest priorities by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Beat/Foot Patrolling	54	57	66	67	71	72	74	73	66	68	70	71
Prompt Response to Emergencies	60	60	63	59	64	65	64	63	56	50	64	62
Crime Prevention	54	60	55	63	58	60	68	61	57	51	61	61
Investigating Crime	53	54	58	55	62	56	56	52	49	50	58	54
Enforcing Drug Laws	40	38	39	34	46	43	42	41	43	45	43	40
Increased Involvement with Young People	49	48	45	45	42	43	35	35	30	35	40	40
Vehicle Patrolling	30	29	35	35	33	32	32	29	29	27	33	31
Improving Community Relations	31	31	35	31	31	30	28	25	31	25	31	28
Policing Public Disorder	41	36	34	33	29	27	21	20	21	23	27	26
Road Traffic Duties	20	28	21	28	19	22	21	23	17	21	20	24
Providing More Help/Support to Victims	24	24	16	16	16	17	18	20	19	15	17	18
Working in Partnership with Other Agencies	13	15	15	12	15	13	14	11	11	14	14	12

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

## SECTION 2. SATISFACTION WITH LOCAL POLICING

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

Tables 3.1-3.3 show that overall more respondents were satisfied with policing in their District Council area (33%) than dissatisfied (22%). This is broadly similar to the 2004 findings, when 33% of respondents were satisfied and 25% were dissatisfied.

Table 3.1 shows that Catholic and Protestant respondents had similar satisfaction levels (34%) and dissatisfaction levels (22% Protestant and 21% Catholic).

**Table 3.1: Satisfaction with policing in respondents' District Council area by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	4	4	4	5	6	6	3	4	3	4	4	4
Satisfied	30	30	29	29	25	27	23	26	25	25	29	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	41	39	42	41	41	37	44	42	36	39	41	40
Dissatisfied	17	17	17	16	21	16	20	17	22	19	18	17
Very Dissatisfied	6	5	7	5	7	8	9	7	10	6	7	5
Not Answered	1	5	1	4	0	6	1	5	3	6	1	5

Table 3.2 shows that males and females were similarly satisfied but males were more dissatisfied than females (25% compared to 20%) with overall policing in their area.

**Table 3.2: Satisfaction with policing in respondents' District Council area by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Satisfied	28	30	31	29	26	23	29	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	40	38	43	41	39	40	41	40
Dissatisfied	19	19	16	16	19	17	18	17
Very Dissatisfied	8	6	6	4	7	6	7	5
Not Answered	1	4	1	5	4	10	1	5

Table 3.3 shows that respondents in the 16-24 age group had lower levels of satisfaction and higher levels of dissatisfaction with overall policing than respondents aged 25+.

**Table 3.3: Satisfaction with policing in respondents' District Council area by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	2	2	3	3	3	3	6	6	5	5	4	4
Satisfied	26	25	26	28	27	26	35	33	31	25	29	29
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	43	42	45	45	42	41	39	36	33	34	41	40
Dissatisfied	19	21	19	16	20	20	14	15	16	16	18	17
Very Dissatisfied	10	8	7	6	8	6	5	4	9	7	7	5
Not Answered	1	3	0	2	1	3	2	7	6	12	1	5

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

Tables 4.1-4.3 show that respondents are dissatisfied with the levels of foot patrols in their District Council area, with 44% of respondents expressing dissatisfaction (13% were very dissatisfied) and 16% expressing any degree of satisfaction. Table 4.1 shows dissatisfaction levels among Protestant and Catholic respondents decreased between 2004 and 2006. 44% of Protestant and 40% of Catholic respondents were dissatisfied compared with levels of 51% and 45% respectively in 2004.

**Table 4.1: Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents' District Council area by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Satisfied	12	14	15	15	12	16	9	10	10	11	12	14
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	31	32	33	32	31	30	34	34	31	29	32	32
Dissatisfied	36	32	30	28	35	27	34	29	32	30	34	31
Very Dissatisfied	15	12	15	12	17	16	20	18	18	16	16	13
Not Answered	4	8	5	9	5	8	3	6	7	13	5	9

Table 4.2 shows that males (47%) were more dissatisfied than females (41%) with the levels of foot patrols in their District Council area.

**Table 4.2: Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents' District Council area by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
Satisfied	11	14	14	14	11	10	12	14
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	30	30	34	34	31	30	32	32
Dissatisfied	36	33	32	29	32	27	34	31
Very Dissatisfied	18	14	14	12	16	14	16	13
Not Answered	4	7	5	9	8	17	5	9

Table 4.3 shows that younger respondents had the highest satisfaction levels with foot patrols in their District Council area (20%) and the 41-60 age group had the highest dissatisfaction levels (48%).

**Table 4.3: Satisfaction with levels of foot patrols in respondents' District Council area by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	5	3	2	2
Satisfied	15	17	12	14	10	12	15	15	14	14	12	14
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	34	33	34	37	32	31	31	30	27	28	32	32
Dissatisfied	32	29	34	30	36	33	32	29	26	24	34	31
Very Dissatisfied	16	16	18	14	17	15	12	10	14	13	16	13
Not Answered	1	2	2	3	3	6	8	14	13	18	5	9

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

Tables 5.1-5.3 show that more respondents were dissatisfied with the level of vehicle patrols in their District Council area (33%) than were satisfied (22%). However dissatisfaction with vehicle patrolling (33%) was much lower than with foot patrolling (44%). Table 5.1 shows a decrease in dissatisfaction levels for Protestant respondents between 2004 and 2006 (34% compared to 38% in 2004), while dissatisfaction among Catholic respondents was broadly similar (31% compared to 32% in 2004).

**Table 5.1: Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents' District Council area by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2
Satisfied	21	19	23	22	16	21	16	19	17	17	21	20
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	34	35	35	33	36	37	37	35	32	29	34	34
Dissatisfied	28	26	23	23	30	21	29	24	28	25	26	25
Very Dissatisfied	10	8	9	8	9	8	12	11	12	10	10	8
Not Answered	6	10	7	12	7	10	4	8	9	17	6	11

Table 5.2 shows males and females to have broadly similar views on vehicle patrolling, although males showed slightly higher levels of satisfaction (24% compared to 22% for females).

**Table 5.2: Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents' District Council area by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2
Satisfied	21	22	22	19	16	14	21	20
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	34	33	35	35	34	27	34	34
Dissatisfied	27	25	26	25	25	24	26	25
Very Dissatisfied	11	8	9	8	10	9	10	8
Not Answered	6	9	7	11	12	23	6	11

Table 5.3 shows that respondents aged 16-24 had the highest satisfaction levels (34%) and lowest dissatisfaction levels towards vehicle patrolling (26%), in contrast to respondents aged 41-60 who had the lowest satisfaction levels (20%) and the highest dissatisfaction levels (38%).

**Table 5.3: Satisfaction with levels of vehicle patrols in respondents' District Council area by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very Satisfied	4	5	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
Satisfied	26	29	22	22	19	18	22	20	18	16	21	20
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	34	37	36	39	35	35	33	31	27	24	34	34
Dissatisfied	29	19	27	24	29	28	23	22	21	21	26	25
Very Dissatisfied	5	7	11	9	11	10	8	6	11	10	10	8
Not Answered	2	4	2	4	4	7	11	18	21	27	6	11

**Q6: Have you had any contact with the local police in the last year?**

Tables 6.1-6.3 show that just over one quarter of respondents (27%) had been in contact with the local police in the last year. Table 6.1 shows that a higher proportion of Catholic respondents (28%) had been in contact with the local police compared to Protestant respondents (26%).

**Table 6.1: Contact with the local police in the last year by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	26	28	43	34	27	27
No	72	69	53	62	68	70
Not Answered	3	3	4	4	5	3

Table 6.2 shows that more males (29%) than females (26%) had been in contact with the local police in the last year.

<b>Table 6.2: Contact with the local police in the last year by gender</b>				
Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Yes	29	26	24	27
No	68	71	69	70
Not Answered	3	3	7	3

Table 6.3 shows that respondents aged 16-24 had most contact with the local police within the last year (36%), in contrast to respondents aged 61 and over who had the least contact (19%).

<b>Table 6.3: Contact with the local police in the last year by age</b>						
Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	36	34	32	19	22	27
No	62	64	66	77	68	70
Not Answered	2	2	3	4	10	3

### Q7: If yes, how satisfied were you with the way you were treated?

Tables 7.1-7.3 show that almost two thirds of respondents who had contact with the local police in the last year (64%) were satisfied in the way they were treated by their local police. Table 7.1 shows that Catholic respondents (69%) were more satisfied than Protestant respondents (62%).

<b>Table 7.1: Respondents' satisfaction with treatment by local police by religion</b>						
All respondents who had contact with the local police Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Very Satisfied	25	31	22	27	25	27
Satisfied	37	38	38	39	37	37
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	16	13	13	14	16	15
Dissatisfied	13	10	13	11	16	12
Very Dissatisfied	7	7	14	10	5	8
Not Answered	1	1	1		1	1

Table 7.2 shows that more females (66%) than males (63%) were satisfied in the way they were treated by their local police.

<b>Table 7.2: Respondents' satisfaction with treatment by local police by gender</b>				
All respondents who had contact with the local police Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Very Satisfied	24	29	33	27
Satisfied	39	37	27	37
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	15	14	18	15
Dissatisfied	14	11	10	12
Very Dissatisfied	8	8	8	8
Not Answered	1	1	4	1

Table 7.3 shows that respondents aged 16-24 were least satisfied (52%) and most dissatisfied (29%) in the way they were treated by their local police in contrast to respondents aged 61 and over who had the greatest satisfaction (71%) and least dissatisfaction (14%).

**Table 7.3: Respondents' satisfaction with treatment by local police by age**

All respondents who had contact with the local police Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Very Satisfied	22	21	25	35	28	27
Satisfied	30	38	38	36	37	37
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	19	17	14	13	12	15
Dissatisfied	17	12	13	10	15	12
Very Dissatisfied	12	10	8	4	3	8
Not Answered		0	1	2	4	1

### **Q8: Have you been a victim of crime within the last year?**

Tables 8.1-8.3 show that almost one eighth of respondents (12%) had been a victim of crime within the last year. Table 8.1 shows that more Catholic respondents (13%) than Protestant respondents (11%) had been a victim of crime within the last year.

**Table 8.1: Victim of crime within the last year by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	11	13	18	14	13	12
No	86	83	78	82	81	84
Not Answered	3	3	4	4	6	4

Table 8.2 shows that 12% of both male and female respondents had been a victim of crime within the last year.

<b>Table 8.2: Victim of crime within the last year by gender</b>				
Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Yes	12	12	8	12
No	85	84	83	84
Not Answered	3	4	8	4

Table 8.3 shows that respondents aged 16-24 were most likely (23%) to have been a victim of crime in the last year compared to all other age groups.

<b>Table 8.3: Victim of crime within the last year by age</b>						
Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	23	17	14	7	11	12
No	75	80	84	88	79	84
Not answered	2	2	3	5	10	4

### Q9: Did you report the crime?

Tables 9.1-9.3 show that almost four fifths of respondents (79%) who stated that they had been a victim of crime within the last year reported the crime. Table 9.1 shows that more Protestant respondents (81%) than Catholic respondents (80%) reported the crime.

<b>Table 9.1: Respondents who reported the crime by religion</b>						
All respondents who were the victim of crime Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	81	80	78	70	74	79
No	18	19	22	30	23	20
Not Answered	1	1			3	1

Table 9.2 shows that females (80%) were more likely than males (79%) to report the crime.

<b>Table 9.2: Respondents who reported the crime by gender</b>				
All respondents who were the victim of crime Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Yes	79	80	85	79
No	21	19	11	20
Not Answered	0	1	4	1

Table 9.3 shows that respondents aged 41 and over were more likely to have reported the crime.

<b>Table 9.3: Respondents who reported the crime by age</b>						
All respondents who were the victim of crime Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Yes	76	78	80	80	79	79
No	24	22	19	18	18	20
Not Answered		0	1	2	3	1

## SECTION 3. AWARENESS OF DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs)

### Q10: Before you received this questionnaire, had you heard of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs)?

Tables 10.1-10.3 show that most respondents (71%) had heard of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs). This is an increase of four percentage points on the 2004 finding when the question was “Have you heard of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs)?” Table 10.1 shows that more Protestant respondents had heard of DPPs (73%) compared to Catholic respondents (71%).

**Table 10.1: Prior awareness of DPPs by religion**

Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	68	73	67	71	61	61	69	70	62	67	67	71
No	23	24	22	26	32	34	26	26	26	27	23	25
Not Answered	9	3	12	3	6	4	5	4	12	6	9	4

Table 10.2 shows that more males (78%) had heard of DPPs compared to females (66%).

**Table 10.2: Prior awareness of DPPs by gender**

Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	75	78	60	66	64	65	67	71
No	17	19	29	30	22	27	23	25
Not Answered	7	3	11	4	14	8	9	4

Table 10.3 shows that those aged 41-60 were most likely to have heard of DPPs (78%) compared to all other age groups, especially 16-24 year olds (42%).

**Table 10.3: Prior awareness of DPPs by age**

Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	41	42	65	70	73	78	65	68	52	62	67	71
No	47	55	27	28	20	20	22	27	27	27	23	25
Not Answered	11	3	8	2	7	2	14	5	20	11	9	4

## Q11: How did you hear about DPPs?

Tables 11.1-11.3 show that most respondents who had heard of DPPs (65%) had done so through TV/Radio. Just over half (53%) of respondents had heard of DPPs through stories in newspapers. Table 11.1 shows that more Protestant than Catholic respondents had heard of DPPs through public notices, information leaflets/posters and word of mouth, whereas more Catholic than Protestant respondents had heard of DPPs through TV/Radio and stories in newspapers.

**Table 11.1: How respondents had heard about DPPs by religion**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Public notices	25	24	22	18	24	24
Information leaflets/posters	22	20	24	18	20	21
Stories in newspapers	52	56	47	50	52	53
TV/Radio	65	68	60	67	60	65
Word of mouth	14	13	20	13	14	14
Other	4	4	9	7	3	4
Not Answered	1	0	1		1	1

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Table 11.2 shows that more male than female respondents had heard of DPPs through TV/Radio, stories in newspapers and public notices, whereas more female than male respondents had heard of DPPs through word of mouth.

**Table 11.2: How respondents had heard about DPPs by gender**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Public notices	26	22	25	24
Information leaflets/posters	21	21	21	21
Stories in newspapers	57	50	53	53
TV/Radio	68	63	60	65
Word of mouth	12	15	16	14
Other	3	5	3	4
Not Answered	1	1		1

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Table 11.3 shows that more respondents (28%) in the 16-24 age group had heard of DPPs through word of mouth compared to all other age groups.

<b>Table 11.3: How respondents had heard about DPPs by age</b>						
All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Public notices	27	20	25	26	26	24
Information leaflets/posters	16	18	23	21	17	21
Stories in newspapers	44	50	54	54	52	53
TV/Radio	49	68	69	62	59	65
Word of mouth	28	16	15	11	11	14
Other	11	6	4	3	2	4
Not Answered		0	1	1	1	1

Note: Percentages may add to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

### Q12: Do you think that your local DPP is doing a good job?

Tables 12.1-12.3 show that 15% of respondents who had heard of DPPs thought that their local DPP is doing a good job, 10% thought that their local DPP is not doing a good job and 74% did not know if their local DPP is doing a good job, an increase of seven percentage points on the 2004 finding. Table 12.1 shows that a higher percentage of Catholic respondents (18%) thought that their local DPP is doing a good job compared to Protestant respondents (14%).

<b>Table 12.1: Local DPP doing a good job by religion</b>												
All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	16	14	22	18	13	13	7	8	17	13	17	15
No	14	10	14	10	20	11	19	9	19	14	15	10
Don't Know	69	74	63	72	66	75	74	82	62	71	67	74
Not Answered	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1

Table 12.2 shows that more males than females thought that their local DPP is doing a good job (16% compared to 14%).

**Table 12.2: Local DPP doing a good job by gender**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	17	16	17	14	17	17	17	15
No	16	12	13	8	18	13	15	10
Don't Know	65	71	69	77	63	69	67	74
Not Answered	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 12.3 shows that proportionately more respondents aged 61 and over (20%) thought that their local DPP is doing a good job compared to all other age groups.

**Table 12.3: 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	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	11	18	11	10	16	13	24	20	22	23	17	15
No	20	9	15	9	17	12	11	9	17	12	15	10
Don't Know	69	73	74	80	67	75	63	70	58	64	67	74
Not Answered			1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1

### Q13: How confident are you that your local DPP is helping to address local policing problems?

Tables 13.1-13.3 show that just over one third of respondents who had heard of DPPs (35%) were very confident/confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems, broadly similar to the 2004 finding. However, as in 2004, more respondents were not confident/not at all confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems (53%). Table 13.1 shows that there is little difference in the views of Protestant and Catholic respondents who answered that they were confident/very confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems (36% and 37% respectively).

**Table 13.1: Local DPP helping to address local policing problems by religion**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very confident	2	2	3	3	2	1	0	1	1	3	2	2
Confident	31	34	36	34	26	26	23	29	27	28	32	33
Not confident	50	44	45	42	47	49	52	43	51	45	49	44
Not at all confident	9	9	9	9	14	12	14	11	12	12	9	9
Not Answered	8	11	7	11	12	12	10	15	8	12	8	11

Table 13.2 shows that there is little difference in the views of male and female respondents who answered that they were confident/very confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems (35% and 36% respectively). However more males than females were not confident/not at all confident that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems (56% compared to 50%).

**Table 13.2: Local DPP helping to address local policing problems by gender**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very confident	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Confident	32	33	33	34	28	30	32	33
Not confident	49	46	49	42	48	41	49	44
Not at all confident	11	10	8	8	12	12	9	9
Not Answered	6	9	9	14	10	14	8	11

Table 13.3 shows that 16-24 year olds had more confidence that their local DPP is helping to address local policing problems (48%) compared to all other age groups.

**Table 13.3: Local DPP helping to address local policing problems by age**

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Very confident	1	3	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	4	2	2
Confident	35	45	28	33	30	30	38	37	31	32	32	33
Not confident	53	37	53	46	52	48	41	38	45	41	49	44
Not at all confident	9	9	11	9	10	10	8	8	9	16	9	9
Not Answered	3	6	7	10	7	10	10	13	11	8	8	11

### Q14: Are you prepared to contact your local DPP regarding local policing?

Tables 14.1–14.3 show that 45% of respondents who had heard of DPPs are prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing. Table 14.1 shows that Protestant respondents (45%) are slightly more prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing compared to Catholic respondents (44%).

**Table 14.1: Prepared to 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	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	48	45	50	44	55	49	52	47	49	42	49	45
No	18	15	18	15	13	15	17	13	17	17	18	15
Don't Know	31	37	30	39	30	35	30	38	31	35	31	37
Not Answered	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	5	2	3

Table 14.2 shows that males (50%) are more prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing than females (39%).

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	54	50	44	39	49	45	49	45
No	18	16	18	14	19	16	18	15
Don't Know	27	32	36	43	27	32	31	37
Not Answered	2	2	3	4	5	7	2	3

Table 14.3 shows that respondents aged 41 and over are more prepared to contact their local DPP regarding local policing than younger respondents.

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	31	37	42	38	53	47	51	46	48	44	49	45
No	31	13	19	16	17	14	18	16	21	31	18	15
Don't Know	38	50	38	45	29	38	28	33	27	27	31	37
Not Answered	1		1	1	2	2	4	5	4	8	2	3

### **Q15: Do you know who the members of your local DPP are?**

Tables 15.1–15.3 show that few respondents who had heard of DPPs actually knew who the members of their local DPP were (13%). Table 15.1 shows that knowledge of local DPP membership was lower for Protestant respondents (13%) compared to Catholic respondents (15%).

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	17	13	23	15	12	15	14	9	19	15	18	13
No	73	86	66	85	76	85	77	90	69	84	71	86
Not Answered	11	1	11	1	12		8	1	11	1	11	1

Table 15.2 shows that knowledge of DPP membership was higher for males (14%) than females (12%).

<b>Table 15.2: Knowledge of DPP membership by gender</b>								
All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	19	14	17	12	20	18	18	13
No	71	85	71	87	68	80	71	86
Not Answered	10	1	12	1	12	1	11	1

Table 15.3 shows that knowledge of DPP membership was highest among respondents aged 41 and over.

<b>Table 15.3: Knowledge of DPP membership by age</b>												
All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	14	11	15	8	20	15	19	15	16	16	18	13
No	80	89	75	92	71	85	68	84	70	82	71	86
Not Answered	5		11	0	9	1	13	1	15	3	11	1

## Q16: Do you know how to contact your local DPP?

Tables 16.1–16.3 show that relatively few respondents who had heard of DPPs knew how to contact their local DPP (17%). Table 16.1 shows that knowledge of how to contact DPPs was slightly higher for Catholic respondents (17%) compared to Protestant respondents (16%).

<b>Table 16.1: Knowledge of how to contact local DPP by religion</b>												
All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Protestant		Catholic		Other		None		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	18	16	20	17	15	22	15	14	19	19	19	17
No	73	83	70	82	74	78	78	84	71	80	72	82
Not Answered	9	1	10	1	10	1	8	1	9	2	9	1

Table 16.2 shows that more male respondents (18%) knew how to contact their local DPP compared to females (15%)

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	Male		Female		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	19	18	18	15	19	21	19	17
No	73	81	72	84	71	76	72	82
Not Answered	8	1	11	1	10	3	9	1

Table 16.3 shows that more respondents aged 41 and over knew how to contact their local DPP compared to respondents aged 16-40.

All respondents who had heard of DPPs Rating (%)	16-24		25-40		41-60		61+		Not Answered		Total	
	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006	2004	2006
Yes	17	11	15	12	20	18	20	18	16	21	19	17
No	78	89	76	88	73	82	69	80	70	76	72	82
Not Answered	6		8	0	8	1	11	2	15	3	9	1

### Q17: How safe do you feel in your local community?

Tables 17.1–17.3 show that three quarters (75%) of respondents felt either fairly safe or very safe in their local community. Table 17.1 shows that more Protestant respondents (76%) felt safer in their local community compared to Catholic respondents (74%).

Rating (%)	Protestant	Catholic	Other	None	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Very safe	11	13	10	15	10	12
Fairly safe	65	61	64	59	59	63
A bit unsafe	20	22	20	20	25	21
Very unsafe	3	4	6	5	5	4
Not answered	1	1	1	1	2	1

Table 17.2 shows that more males (77%) compared to females (74%) felt fairly safe/very safe in their local community.

<b>Table 17.2: Feeling of safety in respondents' local community by gender</b>				
Rating (%)	Male	Female	Not Answered	Total
	2006			
Very safe	12	12	8	12
Fairly safe	65	62	58	63
A bit unsafe	20	22	23	21
Very unsafe	4	3	6	4
Not Answered	1	1	4	1

Table 17.3 shows that respondents aged 16-24 felt least safe (70%) and the most unsafe (30%) in their local community compared to all other age groups.

<b>Table 17.3: Feeling of safety in respondents' local community by age</b>						
Rating (%)	16-24	25-40	41-60	61+	Not Answered	Total
	2006					
Very safe	12	13	11	12	10	12
Fairly safe	58	63	63	64	58	63
A bit unsafe	25	20	22	20	22	21
Very unsafe	5	4	4	3	6	4
Not Answered	0	0	1	1	5	1



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