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The Northern Ireland Policing Board  
and the Police Service of Northern Ireland

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# policing plan summary

## 2009 - 2012



# introduction

This leaflet is a summary of the policing priorities for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) for 2009-2012. There is more detailed information in the full Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2009-2012. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

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# deciding policing priorities

Under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, we (the Policing Board) are responsible for issuing the Northern Ireland Policing Plan each year. When agreeing the policing priorities, we and the PSNI take account of the consultation work carried out by the District Policing Partnerships (DPPs).

DPPs consult the public in their council area to find out people's views about how their area is policed. They do this in a range of ways, including public meetings, focus groups and DPP consultation surveys. The DPP public consultation survey is carried out on a biennial basis. We and the PSNI take account of all this consultation in developing the objectives, performance indicators and targets contained in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.

As well as consulting DPPs, we take account of a wide range of information when deciding the priorities for the Northern Ireland Policing Plan, such as:

- The Secretary of State's long term policing objectives;
- The PSNI and Policing Board strategic issues;

- National Policing Plan targets;
- National Audit Office recommendations;
- Recent performance; and
- Policing priorities identified by the Board's Community Engagement Reference Groups.

# setting policing priorities

We have set objectives, performance indicators and targets for the PSNI to achieve in the 2009-2012 Policing Plan. The Policing Plan contains 4 objectives.

These objectives are:

- In partnership with the community and other agencies, to make communities and neighbourhoods safe and feel safe;
- To continue to build, broaden and sustain confidence in the police;

- To ensure that Policing with the Community is at the core of delivery of the policing service; and
- To improve effectiveness and efficiency.

We have set performance indicators and targets within these objectives. For example, we want the PSNI to:

- Reduce the overall number of recorded crimes and specifically more serious violent crime, domestic burglary and criminal damage;
- Reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour;
- Increase the percentage of people who say they feel safe;
- Increase confidence and satisfaction levels;
- Increase clearance rates for all crimes and specifically racist, homophobic and sectarian crimes;
- Achieve the National Call Handling Standards for emergency and non-emergency calls answered;
- Reduce sickness levels for police officers and staff;
- Reduce those killed/seriously injured on the roads;
- Increase the percentage of prosecution cases processed within administrative time limits; and
- Implement the principles of Policing with the Community.

Throughout the year, we will monitor police performance against the targets. We will do this

at our public meetings and we will publicise the outcomes in news releases and in our Annual Report.

### **Paying for the Plan**

The total budget which is available to PSNI to deliver the Policing Plan during 2009-2010 is just over £1.23 billion.

### **Local policing plans**

Each Area Commander, having consulted with the DPP, issues a local policing plan that sets out policing priorities for the area where you live. For more information, please contact your local police or your DPP. To find who to contact, visit the DPP website at: [www.districtpolicing.com](http://www.districtpolicing.com).

It is important to remember that policing plans contain policing priorities and not all of the issues that the police deal with.

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