



the NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD
and the POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

POLICING PLAN 2003-2006



Commander their views. In this way, they will work with their local police to help draw up local policing plans for their own areas. They will also check how well the local police are doing to meet the targets set out in the annual plan, and the local policing plans.

We will ask the District Policing Partnerships for their views on policing in their areas when we start to work on the aims for policing for the 2004 -2007 Policing Plan.

More information

You can get a copy of the full Policing Plan on our website at www.nipolicingboard.org.uk, or by getting in touch with us at:

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You can also contact us at the address above if you need a free copy of this leaflet in another format, such as Braille, large print, on disc, and audio-cassette, or in minority languages if you are not fluent in English. You can also get more information about the Policing Plan, the District Policing Partnerships or the Northern Ireland Policing Board at the above address.

PUTTING CHANGES INTO ACTION

Secretary of State's aim:

The Secretary of State wants the police to build and keep everyone's confidence in the Police Service by:

- dealing with all the issues set out in legislation and in the Government's Implementation Plan; and
- increasing the number of Catholic police officers and civilian staff.

Target

We will check how well the police have done by asking people for their views. We expect the police to meet the following targets:

- 70% of people thinking they do a good job;
- 75% of people feeling confident in fair treatment by the police;
- more than 45% of people feeling confident in how the police patrol in their areas.

We also expect the police to tell us every three months how they are doing in making the agreed changes to the Police Service.

DISTRICT POLICING AND LOCAL POLICING PLANS

From 2003 there will be District Policing Partnerships in district council areas. An important part of what they will do is to ask local people what they think of policing and crime in their area, and then to tell the local police District

Target

We expect the police to detect 55% of violent crime.

HELPING TO DELIVER JUSTICE IN A WAY THAT SECURES AND KEEPS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE LAW

Our aim

We want the police to improve their effectiveness as an organisation.

Target

To do so, we expect them to:

- fully put into practice their workforce plan in the agreed timescales, and every three months to tell us how they are doing;
- fully put into practice their training, education and development strategy in the agreed timescales, and tell us every three months how they are doing; and
- to implement the three year overtime reduction strategy.
- process 85% of custody cases in 90 days, and 85% of bail cases in 110 days.

We expect the police to:

- report to us on the number of domestic violence incidents and domestic violence offences;
- set out a plan for checking how domestic violence incidents are dealt with; and
- find out the number of crimes and incidents that are racist or homophobic.

We also expect them to tell us every three months how they:

- contribute to the Northern Ireland Community Safety Strategy; and
- have helped the Organised Crime Task Force.

Our aim

We want the police to disrupt the illegal supply of controlled drugs and work in partnership with others to tackle the problem of drug misuse.

Target

We expect the police to:

- increase the number of seizures they make of illegal drugs; and
- increase the number of charges and summons they make for supply offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act, and show these as a proportion of the arrests they make.

Secretary of State's aim

The Secretary of State wants the police to uphold and maintain the rule of law, tackle the threat of terrorism, and bring to justice people responsible for crime.



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POLICING PLAN

INTRODUCTION - ABOUT THIS LEAFLET

This leaflet is a short summary of our aims and targets set out in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan for 2003 -2006.

WHAT IS THE POLICING PLAN?

The Policing Plan shows how the Police Service means to provide a policing service to the Northern Ireland community for the next three years. It also sets out seven detailed aims for the police to meet in the year ahead. Three of these are set by the Secretary of State on behalf of the Government, and four are our own aims, which we set after asking the community what the priorities for policing should be. There is also information on the targets we have set for the police to meet by April 2004, as these will help us, and the public, to decide how successful the police have been over the coming year. And, for the first time, the policing aims set out in the plan have been costed.

The plan also gives information on other important issues for policing such as:

- giving more police jobs to civilians to free up officers to deal with crime;
- training for police officers and civilian staff that meets the needs of the individual, the Police Service, and the community;

- Best Value - how the police will make sure that what they do is cost- effective and done to the right standards of quality, and that they get value for money when they spend their budget.

Our role

Our role is to make sure that there is an effective and efficient policing service for the Northern Ireland community. One of the main ways we do this is by using the aims and targets on the next page to check on how the police are doing. Then we tell the community through our public meetings and press releases.

POLICING PLAN AIMS AND TARGETS: 2003 - 2004 PROMOTING SAFETY AND REDUCING DISORDER

Our aim

We want the police to keep public order so that people are safe and secure.

Target

To check this we will ask people how confident they are in how the police deal with public disorder. We expect to find that, as a result of police work in this area, at least 75% of people in Northern Ireland will feel confident about how the police deal with public disorder.

Our aim

We want the police to work in partnership with others to help cut down on the number of people who are killed and seriously injured in road traffic collisions.

Target

We will check the number of detections the police make for:

- speeding;
- driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- not wearing seat belts; and
- dangerous and careless driving.

We also expect the police to tell us every three months how they contribute to the educational part of the Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy.

REDUCING CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME

Secretary of State's aim:

The Secretary of State wants the police to work in partnership with other organisations to help reduce crime (including organised crime) and to lessen people's fear of crime.

Target

We expect to see:

- the number of domestic burglaries going down by 5%; and
- the number of vehicle crimes going down by 5%.



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