

POLICING MATTERS

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At our September 2026 meeting in public Members received an update from the PSNI on their assessment of performance against Policing Plan 2025-2030 Outcome 2: We have safe and engaged communities with confidence in policing. Following discussion on this assessment, questions then focused on topics including pursuit policy, offensive material placed on bonfires, organised crime, officer assaults and stop and search approaches.

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The Board Chief Executive Sinéad Simpson moderating the panel: Linda Watson, PCSP Independent Member, Beverly Simpson PCSP Vice Chair, DCC Singleton and Board Chair Brendan Mullan.

CONVERSATIONS WITH PURPOSE

The first of three Conversations with Purpose events took place this month in Derry/Londonderry. A huge thanks to all who came out and engaged with us.

It was great to get a range of perspectives from Derry & Strabane PCSP, Police Service of Northern Ireland, Ulster University, organisations and members of the public on the last 25 years of policing arrangements, as well as ideas for the next 25.

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MELA

Our Vice Chair Mukesh was delighted to join the launch of the 20th Belfast Mela this year at City Hall and join with our Members at the event to engage with people from across Northern Ireland.



The Minister for Communities, Ch Supt Amanda Ford, Board Vice Chair, deputy First Minister and Mela representative.

You can keep up to date with all the issues at the September meeting here:

 [Watch the Chair's opening remarks](#)
 [Watch the Chief Constable's opening remarks](#)
 [Watch the Deputy Chief Constable's report on Outcome 2](#)
 [Read and listen to Members' questions](#)
 [Read the Chief Constable's accountability report](#)

Next meeting in public:
Thursday 1 October 2026

PRIDE

A big thanks to everyone who visited our stall at Pride village this year, where staff and Members took the opportunity to engage with the public on our role, work, volunteering schemes and funding opportunities.



Tess the dog with Board staff and Independent Member Les Allamby.



Board staff and Independent Member Peter Osborne with John Blair MLA.

POLICE PROPERTY FUND

There's still time to apply for the fourth call of the Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme!

The Scheme offers grants of £1000-£10,000 for community-based projects. We've already awarded almost half a million pounds!

If you have a project that works with local police to improve community safety and/or confidence in policing, make sure you apply.


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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT PUBLISHED

The Board has published its annual assessment of the PSNI's performance against year one of the Policing Plan 2025-2030.

All 3 outcomes and 14 of the 16 indicators have been rated 'adequate', with 2 indicators (tackling cybercrime and representativeness of the Service) assessed as 'limited'.

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ATTESTATION

Our Chair was delighted to address new officers at the August Attestation. He also welcomed An Garda Síochána Commissioner Kelly, commending the strong working relations with PSNI.

The Chair,
 Chief Constable
 and Garda
 Commissioner

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



MindWise representatives with Board staff

Thanks to all the speakers at our Volunteer Recognition Event and our team of volunteers for their hard work to help us deliver effective oversight of policing!

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