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It's all an act!

They were putting on an act over at Lisburn & Castlereagh to deliver some drugs and alcohol awareness to secondary school students. Together with the PSNI, Lisburn YMCA and a local drama group, the play centred on an A&E department where two friends wait to hear how drinking and taking drugs has affected their friend.

The play also touches on anti-social behaviour, internet safety and the effects of a criminal record. After each play, a local PSNI Neighbourhood Officer and Lisburn YMCA took to the stage to discuss the issues with the audience.



Pictured are (l-r) Ken Perry, Principal Dundonald High School, Jenny Magee Lisburn YMCA, Constable Clare Hazlett PSNI, actors from C21 Drama Group and pupils from Dundonald High School.

One Punch, One Glance: two powerful messages

PCSPs and their partners continue to highlight the message that one punch can have many consequences and to stress the importance of road safety.

Recently, the Youth Justice Agency worked with Derry's Playhouse to produce two short films to illustrate the impact of crime to young people. One Punch shows how a quick reaction results in years of regret for one young guy and the impact it has on family and friends. One Glance illustrates how a split second distraction can result in disaster and contains some really strong and powerful crash aftermath sequences. The production crew worked closely with Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service and the PSNI to create as authentic scenes as possible.

Both films were written and directed locally and were produced by the Playhouse Street Talk project, in partnership with the Youth Justice Agency. The films were funded by the Early Intervention Transformation Programme.

[click here](#) to watch both films

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Selfie city at the Playhouse in Derry with (l-r):



Caption Pictured at the launch of the short films are (l-r):

Coffee with the cops

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP held a very special Coffee with the Cops in Lurgan recently where they welcomed a group of Syrian refugees. The group were given an overview of the policing structures here and what to do if they find themselves a victim of crime.

Con Michael Allen from the Lurgan Neighbourhood gave an interactive talk through a translator and took questions from the group. The volunteers in the Ozanam Centre will continue to discuss some of the issues raised at the group's regular English lessons.



Con Michael Allen of Lurgan's Neighbourhood Police Team talks to a group of people from Syria.



Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chair Ald William King pictured with PSNI Roads Policing Officers.

No scamming here

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP got together with the local PSNI and Trading Standards to bring the ScamwiseNI message to older people in the area. Whilst anyone can become a victim of a scam, scammers do tend to target people who are older or more vulnerable so the PCSP got out to 120 older people to illustrate exactly what to look out for.

[click here](#)

to find out more about
how to stay ScamwiseNI



Pictured at the conference are (l-r): Beverly Burns Trading Standards, Pat Prunty PCSP, Sgt Billy Steward, Crime Prevention Officer Lisa Sherman and Stephanie Rock of the PCSP.

Think before you drink

Don't worry – the Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Chair hasn't been arrested! He's just lending his support to the new legislation available to the PSNI to stop drivers for random breath tests. The legislation was enacted in the run up to Christmas but is available to the police all year round. Previously, police needed to have a reasonable suspicion about someone's driving, have seen an offence or been called to a collision but the new legislation means they can set up checkpoints for this sole purpose.

Ald King welcomed the legislation, saying: "The PCSP is fully supportive of this campaign and the PSNI's zero tolerance approach to drink driving at any time of year."

Beware what you share

Mid & East Antrim PCSP has given Assets Recovery Community Scheme funding to a brilliant programme for teenagers with Autism. The Education Authority programme Skills for Staying Safe aims to help young people in the Ballymena area stay safe at home, in the community and online. Around 80 young people learned about potential possible risks at home or out in the community and how to reduce them.



Pictured at the event are (l-r): PCSP Vice Chair Marjorie Hawkins, Mayor Audrey Wales MBE and Anthony Harbinson, Director of Safer Communities in the DOJ.



Pictured at the launch of the speed camera are (l-r): C/Insp Stephen McCauley, PCSP Member Cllr Reuben Glover, Cllr W McCaughey, Kells and Connor Community Improvement Association, PCSP Member Ashleigh Perry, David Grant, Kells and Connor Community Improvement Association and Robin Swann MLA

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Slow down in Kells and Connor

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have just paid for a new mobile speed camera and alert sign for the village of Kells and Connor.

The speed camera and alert sign are designed to remind people to keep their speed down when they go through the village. The sign acts as a reminder to people that they might be over the limit without realising and reassures the community that they are being proactive against speeding.

As PSNI Chief Inspector Stephen McCauley says: "Anything that gets drivers to pay more attention to their speed has to be a good investment."

Get the show on the road

Fermanagh & Omagh and Mid Ulster PCSPs have been pooling their resources to get the safer driving show on the road. Thanks to funding from the Assets Recovery Community Scheme, this new hi spec car will be available for schools, youth clubs and other organisations to ... big pun alert... drive the road safety message home.

The car will help educate young drivers about how dangerous driving can be and to steer clear of irresponsible driving.



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Pictured with the simulator car are (l-r): Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair Cllr Keith Elliott, Mid Ulster PCSP Chair Cllr Frances Burton, Infrastructure Minister Chris Hazzard MLA, Justice Minister Claire Sudgen MLA, Con Trevor Kirke, Cllr Mary Garrity, Chair Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, ACC Alan Todd, Brendan Hegarty, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Chief Executive and Robbie Bryson, NIFRS District Commander.

Community Safety in Fermanagh and Omagh

More Community Safety Wardens will be out on the streets and lanes of Fermanagh and Omagh.

The programme, delivered by the PCSP and jointly funded by the Housing Executive, aims to improve community safety by addressing low-level crime and anti-social behaviour and wardens will be out patrolling areas particularly identified as having low level crime.



Launching the initiative in Fermanagh & Omagh are PCSP Chair Cllr Keith Elliott and NIHE Area Manager for the South West Oonagh McAviney with Community Safety Wardens.

Belfast focus on anti social behaviour

Anti social behaviour continues to be one of the main issues raised by people about their community. With 45% of all calls to the police relating to anti social behaviour, it's clear why the community and the PCSPs want to keep a focus on it.

But what are the police doing about it and how can it be resolved? The Policing Board and Belfast PCSP held a recent public meeting to tackle these issues and give people the chance to put their questions to those who make the decisions about policing.

Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said that while anti social is not a criminal offence, it can does impact significantly on communities. Even the threat of anti social behaviour can cause unease particularly for people who feel vulnerable. The issues Belfast has in particular are often due, for example, to the accessibility of drugs or the illegal use of scramblers. It remains fairly clear that, like a lot of crime, anti social behaviour can't be solved by the police on their own but takes input and partnership across a range of bodies.

Belfast PCSP Chair Cllr John Hussey told the meeting that Belfast PCSP has allocated around £150,000 to fund interventions, education and awareness programmes.

"It is also important to acknowledge that despite the public perception, anti social behaviour cannot be solved by the police alone and effective collaboration with other statutory and community partners is needed to really make a difference in this area."

Anne Connolly
Policing Board Chair

"Belfast PCSP and its four district partnerships are fully committed to raising awareness, dealing with and combating anti-social behaviour in all of its various forms across all our communities in Belfast. We continue to work hard to make our communities a better and safer place to work, visit and live in."

John Hussey
Belfast PCSP Chair



Belfast PCSP Independent Member Debbie Hammill puts her views to the panel on anti social behaviour in Belfast.



Pictured at public meeting in City Hall are (l-r): Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly, Daniel McCrossan MLA, Chief Constable George Hamilton and Belfast PCSP Chair Cllr John Hussey.

Do you think you're safe from fire?

We all know we should have a smoke alarm in our houses, but when is the last time you checked it worked? The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service are asking people to take four easy steps to protect themselves and their homes against fire. The STOP campaign asks you to get Smoke alarms fitted, Test them weekly, look out for Obvious dangers and make sure you have an escape Plan.

While there were thankfully no deaths caused by fires over the Christmas period, the number of house fires actually rose by 24% so there are still plenty of us who need to take notice.

Follow NIFRS on www.facebook.com/nifrsofficial and @nifrsofficial for regular fire safety updates.

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FIRE

SMOKE ALARM

TEST ALARMS WEEKLY

OBVIOUS DANGERS

PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month. For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

PCSPs are funded and supported by the Policing Board and Department of Justice.



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



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