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## Spotlight on scams

**A range of activity aimed at raising awareness of scams has been carried out by leading partners of the ScamwiseNI campaign in recent weeks.**

ScamwiseNI aims to help people spot the signs of scams. A new report released by one of the supporters of the campaign, Age Sector Platform revealed that almost one in four older people in Northern Ireland have been scammed online or over the phone. It found that of those scammed, one in ten lost more than £1,000.

[click here](#) to read the report

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PARTNERSHIP

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP delivered a Friends Against Scams training session to a group of older people and their representatives. Working in partnership with Trading Standards and ABC Seniors Network, Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering them to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'.

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP was behind another anti-scams event in Portadown where members of the Jubilee Club were advised on how to avoid potential scams.

For more information or to book a similar session with your group, call 028 3752 9652.

And for more details on scams, how to avoid being scammed and what to do if you think you have been a victim, go to [www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseNI](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseNI)



Stephanie Rock (l) from Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Sam Nicholson and participants of the Friends Against Scams training

### FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Anne Watson, Ivan Baxter and Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP member Valerie Adams launch the NI Pensioners Parliament Scams Report

## Start spreading the news...

A leaflet outlining just some of the work taking place on behalf of older people by PCSPs was published last month to coincide with the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament.

The leaflet, which detailed a diverse range of schemes from text alert services to over 60s driving courses, was distributed to the 150 delegates who attended the Parliament in the Europa Hotel.

Find out about the range of schemes tackling crime and the fear of crime, including Neighbourhood Watch programmes, [here](#).





Policing Board and DoJ representatives with PCSPs at a recent governance meeting.

## Plans of action

The Policing Board and the Department of Justice support the work of PCSPs throughout the year and meet them to discuss work programmes in place to deliver outcomes for the community. These governance meetings allow each of the PCSPs to present information about the projects they're delivering and discuss with the Board/DOJ how funding is being used.

PCSPs are beginning to prepare costed plans for the next financial year and detailed planning guidance has been issued to assist with this. This can be viewed [here](#).

Any queries regarding the planning guidance should be submitted to [csupdb@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:csupdb@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk) for operational queries and to [PCSP@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:PCSP@justice-ni.x.gsi.gov.uk) for queries relating to budget or policing committee.

## Policing Child Sexual Exploitation

The challenge of policing child sexual exploitation was the focus of the latest Policing Board #policingmatters seminar in October. Speakers at the 'Protecting the Vulnerable: Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation' seminar looked at the importance of understanding how exploitation can happen and what the police and other agencies need to be doing about it.

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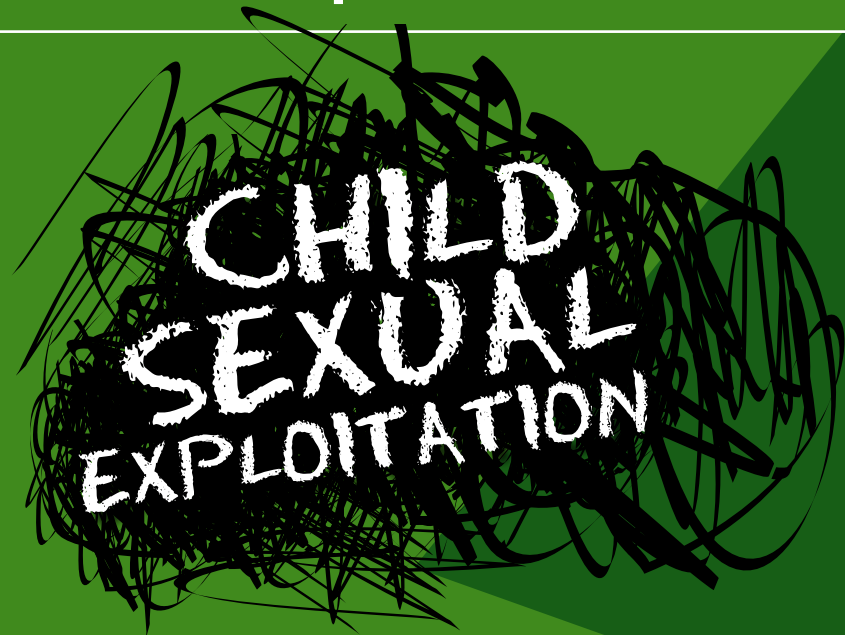
to find out what the panel members had to say.

[click here](#)

to watch the seminar again.

[click here](#)

to watch our short film on the subject.



Child Sexual Exploitation can happen online or offline, and without the young person even being aware of it.



The next seminar in the series will take place on **Wednesday 22nd November** and will examine the transition of crime from traditional to technological and how the police and other agencies respond effectively to the growing level of online criminality.

[click here](#)

to keep up to date with the **#policingmatters** series

## ROAD SAFETY

### Kids Court puts speeding drivers in the dock

Speeding motorists in the vicinity of a Lisburn primary school have been brought before a unique 'Kids Court' and made answerable to its 'judges', pupils at the school.

Drivers caught exceeding the 30mph limit outside St Aloysius Primary School in Lisburn were given the choice of receiving penalty points and a fine or facing the panel of children sitting as part of the innovative Court.

Of four motorists stopped during one day, three opted to face the panel and were grilled by the children on why they were speeding and if they were aware of the possible consequences.

Cllr Aaron McIntyre, Chair of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP congratulated the school for addressing the important subject of road safety and working closely with the PSNI in changing driver attitudes.

"We need to take proactive measures to prevent these unnecessary fatalities and injuries and working with our young people is a very effective way to deliver the road safety message," he said.



Martin McDonald, Chair Board of Governors St Aloysius Primary School, Con Jacky McDowell, Road Policing, Deirdre Brennan, teacher and pupils of St Aloysius Primary School, Lisburn

**FRONT COVER CAPTION:**  
Cllr Aaron McIntyre, Chair of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP with Constable Jacky McDowell, Road Policing and pupils from St Aloysius Primary School, Lisburn



PCSP Chair Cllr Carol Howard, GC Gerard Lennon NIFRS, Sgt Robert Cumiskey PSNI, Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly, C/Insp Dianne Pennington and John McPoland NIAS.

### Road Safe roadshow drives hard-hitting message home

A hard-hitting demonstration of the devastating effects of dangerous driving was held at Belfast City Hall and attended by hundreds of school children.

Belfast PCSP hosted 420 sixth form students at the Road Safe Roadshow devised by the PSNI Roads Policing Unit.

A car crash simulation and a poignant address by a young woman left paralysed after a road accident were just some of the harrowing elements presented on the day. Contributions from a paramedic, a Fire and Rescue officer and an A&E consultant were followed by a dramatic reconstruction in the grounds of City Hall. The fatal car crash scenario was recreated by the emergency services and featured a distraught parent finding out her child had been killed.

A similar event supported by Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP took place at Northern Regional College's Newtownabbey campus. The event, held in partnership with the PSNI, was attended by over 200 students with students from the college's Drama department playing the roles of those involved in the road traffic accident reconstruction.

**FRONT COVER CAPTION:**  
A scene from the hard-hitting Belfast Road Safe roadshow at City Hall.

## ROAD SAFETY



### Focus on road safety reflects dangers to children near schools

**The darker days of winter and the associated risks to road safety has prompted Derry & Strabane PCSP to target inconsiderate drivers at local primary schools.**

Having worked with the PSNI to design an advice leaflet for parents and guardians, the PCSP has also provided reflector packs to ensure better visibility for children.

Limited parking in and around primary schools has led to some drivers parking inappropriately,

blocking entrances and footpaths and causing traffic disruption at peak times. Inappropriately parked cars can also be a danger to children as they are forced to walk on roads and can be hidden from sight by stationary vehicles. The leaflet outlines the hazards, asking motorists to think about their driving while the reflector packs boost visibility in a bid to keep children safe.

Advice leaflets are available from the PCSP office by phoning **028 71 253 253** or by emailing **pcsp@derrystrabane.com**.

### Tyred and tested for winter roads

**Winter road conditions were also being considered by Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP who hosted a series of tyre safety events in Omagh and Enniskillen.**

Working in conjunction with the PSNI, Road Safe NI and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, the events at local ASDA stores saw officers from the PSNI Roads Policing Unit carry out winter safety checks for motorists. Officers also distributed tyre safety leaflets and helped motorists check the tread depth on their tyres.

### Course puts young drivers on the road to safer driving

**Funding from Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP means recently qualified drivers in the area were able to benefit from an innovative course that aims to improve road safety.**

The free course, delivered by ABC area branch of Road Safe NI, is a mixture of theory and on-road training designed to give young people help and advice on how to further their driving skills. With an estimated one in five motorists having a collision in their first year of driving, the PCSP is funding this course as part of its target to promote road safety awareness and to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in road traffic incidents.



**PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle looks on as a Roads Policing representative checks tyre tread depths.**



**Ards & North Down PCSP** were invited to visit Hydebank Wood College by Probation Manager, Mark Nicholson who sits on the Partnership. The members were met by governor Richard Taylor and deputy governor Tom Ferguson who provided an introduction to Hydebank and the workshop classes students take part in.



A new website launched by the Northern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership (NDSVP) has been funded by **Mid & East Antrim PCSP**. The website, [www.northerndsvp.com](http://www.northerndsvp.com) will raise the profile of the group's work and provide signposting information for victims. Speaking at the launch of the new site were Tracy Magill, NDSVP Chair, Det Sgt Siobhan Ennis, PSNI, Randal McHugh of NHSCT, Gail McKay, Women's Aid ABCLN, Wendy Carson, Mid & East Antrim PCSP and Sonya McMullan from the 24 hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline.



**Derry & Strabane PCSP** supported a PSNI trailer marking event where people brought along trailers and farming equipment to be marked as well as receiving crime prevention guidance. The free service sees trailers and horseboxes given a security marking which can deter thieves and helps police quickly establish the legitimate owner of the vehicle.



**Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP** attended Ulster University's Fresher's Fayre at Jordanstown in September where members gave out 200 student safety packs. Pictured are a local student with PCSP independent member Kathy Wolff and PCSP support staff Jen Cole and Amy Dunlop.

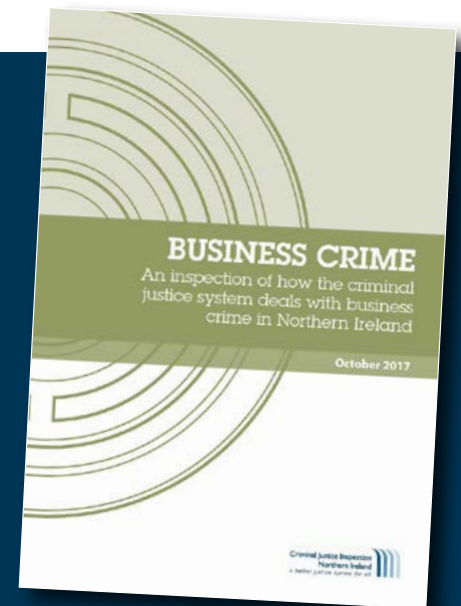


Around 200 people attended a Community Wellbeing event organised by **Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP** and **Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP** in partnership with the Southern Drug and Alcohol Communication Team Connections Service. Pictured are (l) Con Hoyle, Nikki Cullen-Hunter, Ciara Doris, Sgt McKie, Lynette Cooke, Louise Montgomery.  
**Front row:** Theresa Burke, Cllr Maire Cairns, PCSP Chair and Aisling Gillespie

## BUSINESS CRIME



Members of the business community meet at a networking breakfast supported by Derry & Strabane PCSP.



## CJI report gets down to business

A Criminal Justice Inspection (CJI) report on business crime says more needs to be done overall to maximise existing partnerships with the business community and further enhance responses to business crime.

The fieldwork for the CJI report, 'Business Crime: An inspection of how the criminal justice system deals with business crime in Northern Ireland', consisted of interviews with stakeholders from across the business community, meetings with representatives of the criminal justice system and representatives from PCSPs.

[click here](#) to read the report.

## Serving up advice on avoiding business crime

**The issue of business crime was on the menu at a networking breakfast organised by Strabane Business Improvement District (BID) and Strabane Chamber of Commerce.**

Supported by Derry & Strabane PCSP, the breakfast event brought local business people together to discuss a host of relevant issues including how to avoid becoming victims of crime.

A PSNI Crime Prevention Officer discussed robbery, shop lifting and corporate fraud and what to do in the event of a crime. The local PSNI Sergeant and Inspector were also there to discuss any issues they may be experiencing.

The regular meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of every month, from 8am until 9am, with a change of location each month.

## AROUND THE PCSPs



At the launch of the new Text Alert system are PCSP Chair Tony McCaul, Ch/Insp Ian Magee, Sgt Terry McKenna and PCSP Officer Shaun Kennedy

### Alert to your concerns

An innovative text alert service which sends community safety information quickly and effectively has been launched by the PCSP and PSNI in Causeway Coast & Glens.

Text Alert is a free service available to anybody aged over 18 who is a resident of, or owns a property, in the Council area.

Having registered with the free service, users get information straight to their phones alerting them to a range of issues from burglaries to nearby road accidents. The information is also targeted to the relevant people so farmers could be alerted to farm machinery or livestock thefts while business owners can receive information on the circulation of forged banknotes or if known shoplifters have been seen around.

[click here](#) to find out more about the Text Alert service.



Sergeant Scott Fallis addressing the Neighbourhood Watch coordinators event in Enniskillen.

### Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in the know in Fermanagh and Omagh

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP has hosted two 'Knowledge Nights' for Neighbourhood Watch coordinators. The events, which took place in Enniskillen and Omagh PSNI stations, were aimed at giving practical advice on tackling crime and making communities safer and to update participants on future PSNI initiatives in the district. Coordinators also got an insight into the work of roads policing and saw a demonstration of a car crash simulator, one of many joint initiatives between the PSNI and PCSP to address road safety.

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the largest and most well-known crime prevention initiatives. It encourages people to be good neighbours and brings communities closer together.

[click here](#) for more information on Neighbourhood Watch.



## AROUND THE PCSPs



Jonathon Hodge, Hope Centre Manager, Mayor Cllr Paul Reid, May Anderson, Chair of Hope Centre and Jackie Patton, MEA Borough Council.

### The mural of the story

**A centre dedicated to drug and alcohol interventions has recognised Mid & East Antrim PCSP for its continued support of work to tackle drug and alcohol misuse.**

The Hope Centre in Ballymena received support from the PCSP on a mural project designed to help break down the stigma of alcohol and drug abuse.

A new plaque to commemorate the partnership was also unveiled at the centre along with the mural by street artist EMIC which encourages people to discuss the issue.

Jonathan Hodge, Manager of The Hope Centre said, "As well as supporting people with addictions, part of the work of The Hope Centre is challenging the negative stigma and discrimination often associated with addiction.

"Our new mural installation which has been supported by Mid & East Antrim PCSP, is part of this work and we are delighted with the outcome."

### Devastating impact of prescription drug abuse outlined at North Belfast meeting

**A public meeting of North Belfast DPCSP brought together criminal justice representatives for a strategic discussion about drugs and alcohol misuse in the area.**

Assistant Director of the Public Prosecution Service NI, Roger Davison and D/Supt Bobby Singleton of the PSNI also joined the panel which addressed around 90 people including North Belfast MLAs, local service providers, community workers and members of the public.

Chaired by the Chair of the North Belfast DPCSP, Cllr Paul McCusker, the audience was given information on drug seizures, incidents, arrests and charges as well as key regional initiatives and resources available to the public.

Coroner Joe McCrisken revealed that in the week of the meeting alone there had been two post-mortems carried out in relation to prescription drug deaths. He added that prescription drug and poly-drug misuse were the biggest concern to date with Tramadol killing more people than heroin. He also explained how fentanyl has killed more people than ecstasy and cocaine combined since the last figures had been released.

In response to the drug issue, North Belfast DPCSP has funded the development of the One Pill Will Kill initiative and is coordinating a new Drug and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum for the area which will meet for the first time in November.

For further information contact [pcsp@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:pcsp@belfastcity.gov.uk)



# MODERN SLAVERY

A campaign designed to raise awareness of modern slavery and to encourage members of the public to report suspicions quickly has been launched by the Department of Justice.

Modern slavery, or human trafficking, is becoming increasingly common in Northern Ireland with 34 potential victims of human trafficking recovered in Northern Ireland last year, six of whom were children.

Watch a short 'spot the signs' video [here](#) on the Department of Justice website.

To report suspicions confidentially to the police call 999 or 101 or call the Modern Slavery Helpline directly on **0800 0121 700**.

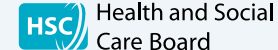
## What's happening in your PCSP?

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

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