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# 1. INTRODUCTION

The Northern Ireland Policing Board (the Board) would like to thank all those who took the time to consider and provide comprehensive responses to the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025 Consultation.

This document provides a high level summary of responses to the public consultation exercise carried out between 21 October 2019 and 6 January 2020.

### 2. CONSULTATION SUMMARY

The consultation sought views on three draft outcomes and nine draft indicators for policing by way of the following questions:

- Do you agree with our outcomes for policing?
- What will tell us that we have a safe community?
- What will tell us that we have confidence in policing?
- What will tell us that we have engaged and supportive communities?

The consultation document was issued to over 600 individuals and organisations, it was published on the Board and PSNI websites and active on both organisations' social media platforms. The document included a version particularly aimed at young people.

The Board invited members of the public, Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs), and other interested stakeholders from the public, voluntary and community sectors to three public consultation engagement events held on:

- 28 October 2019 Derry/Londonderry;
- 13 November 2019 Dungannon; and
- 25 November 2019 Belfast.

Further engagement took place at existing meetings, for example the PSNI's Youth Champions Forum, the Board's Annual Volunteer Conference, PCSP

Manager's meetings and the PSNI's District Commanders Forum. All the events were aimed at providing attendees with the opportunity to discuss the proposed Policing Plan and invite their opinion and feedback on the draft outcomes and indicators.

Individuals and organisations were invited to respond online to the consultation with email and postal options made available also. To encourage responses from a wide cross section of respondents, provision was offered for the consultation document to be made in alternative formats.

### 3. OVERVIEW OF RESPONSES

Sixty-eight (68) responses to the consultation were received, of which 50 (74%) were from individuals, and 18 (26%) from organisations. A list of organisations who responded to the consultation is provided at Annex A. Overall, there was a consensus from the majority of respondents (66%) that they agreed with the draft outcomes for policing. With 16% of respondents not agreeing, and 17% of respondents not completing a response.

The analysis of feedback generally fell into three categories:

- Policing issues being addressed locally in District Policing Plans and PCSP Action Plans;
- Concurrence with existing proposals within the consultation;
- Suggestions for potential measures by which the Board could assess PSNI in making progress towards achieving the Indicators and Outcomes.

Suggestions in respect of issues being addressed locally included increased visibility, decreased anti-social behaviour, increased neighbourhood policing, increased use of social media to communicate between police and the community and expanding the attendance of police at community events.

There was general agreement with the draft outcomes and the indicators outlined in the consultation document. For example measuring crime reporting, a reduction in crime/risk of crime, engagement with police and community, an emphasis on child exploitation and sexual abuse, eradication of paramilitary groups and organised crime gangs and the level of satisfaction with the service received from PSNI.

The Board welcomed suggestions for a number of potential measures or means of measuring from the respondents, namely: young people and co-design involvement in delivery of the Plan; partnership and inter-agency working to tackle domestic abuse; positive feedback on social media platforms; building relationships between police and community, especially in hard to reach communities, and supporting communities to report crime or to provide intelligence to police instead of paramilitaries.

# 4. CONCLUSION

The consultation attracted a broad range of views and raised important issues on the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025. Having fully considered the views of those who responded to the consultation and those who provided further information during the engagement events the Board, in partnership with PSNI, has developed the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2020-2025 and Annual Performance Plan 2020/21.

It is currently available on <a href="www.nipolicingboard.org.uk">www.nipolicingboard.org.uk</a>, or alternatively a hard copy can be requested through the contact details below.

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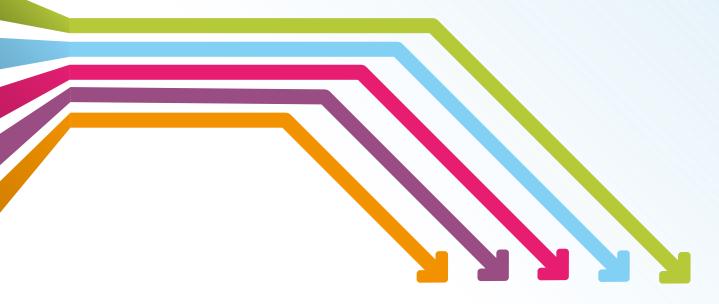
# ANNEX A

# LIST OF RESPONDENTS

- 1. Belfast PCSP
- 2. Children's Law Centre
- 2. Co-Operation Ireland
- 3. Dervock Reformed Presbyterian Church
- 4. Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP
- 5. Goodwill Gifts
- 6. Include Youth
- 7. Law Society Northern Ireland
- 8. Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP
- 9. Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC)
- 10. Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA)
- 11. Probation Board NI
- 12. Presbyterian Church in Ireland
- 13. Sinn Fein
- 14. The Department of Justice
- 15. The Superintendents' Association
- 16. White City Community Development Association
- 17. Women's Aid Federation NI (WAFNI)







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