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## **DVD** project looks at learning disabilities

As part of their Small Project Support Scheme, Derry & Strabane PCSP has funded Destined Limited's project 'Learning Disability Awareness Initiative'. The project has produced a DVD entitled 'So... What is a Learning Disability?'

The DVD hears from local people living with a learning disability and is a good educational tool with the overriding message – don't judge a book by its cover.

Drew Thompson Chairman of the Derry & Strabane PCSP said: "We are very supportive of Destined Limited who have produced this DVD to help educate not only PSNI Officers but local organisations on what exactly a learning disability is. Statistics show that 1.5 million people in the UK are living with a learning disability, so it is everyone's responsibility to learn more about it."



Pictured at the launch of Derry & Strabane PCSP Learning Disability Awareness Initiative DVD, 'So...What is a Learning Disability?' are seated: from left, Constable Catherine Milliken and Adele Derby from Destined, standing from left are Constable Mark Cathers PSNI, Alderman Drew Thompson Chair PCSP, Sandra Holden PCSP Co-ordinator, Caroline O'Hara - Destined, Dearbhaile Mahon and Slaine Stannett both from Destined.

# South West students tackle sexual and domestic violence

'If your partner is violent, don't be silent' - that's the message students from South West College in Omagh are hoping to promote.

A team of level three Health and Social Care students from across West Tyrone have created a new public awareness domestic and sexual violence information campaign which they hope will not only highlight the issue, but become a model for tackling it in the future.

The group have designed 4,000 beer mats featuring their slogan 'If your partner is violent, don't be silent' with the details of five key contact organisations and will distribute them across the two College campuses and other venues such as pubs and community outlets in Omagh, Enniskillen and the wider Tyrone area.

Another group based in Enniskillen will be distributing a safety torch with the slogan 'No Means No' and the telephone numbers too.

Chair of Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP, Cllr John Coyle said raising awareness of domestic and sexual violence was critical and said: "I am particularly pleased that the project is led by students who have demonstrated their commitment and dedication to tackling this very serious issue."



South West College students showcasing their new 'If your partner is violent, don't be silent' beermats which they will distribute throughout the district.

#### FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Some of the South West College students pictured with their domestic and sexual violence awareness campaign beer mats.







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### **Road Safety**

Last year, almost 900 children were injured on our roads and sadly four lost their lives. These figures show that there is still work to be done in terms of improving road safety. Thankfully, this is one issue in particular which is of extreme importance to our local PCSPs.

Here's an update on some of the initiatives they have been working on recently...



Constable Sid Henry from PSNI talks the children from Millstrand Integrated Primary School and Claire Sugden MLA through some of the results from the new SIDs.

## Slow down in Causeway Coast & Glens

If you're travelling through Causeway Coast & Glens, be prepared for some big reminders to check your speed.

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP have funded four bespoke trailer mounted Speed Indicator Devices in black spots throughout the area which are deliberately close to local schools.

PCSP Vice Chair Ashleen Schenning said: "Speeding is one of the biggest complaints we receive from local residents. We are proud to be the first PCSP in Northern Ireland to design a mobile version of these Speed Identification Devices which will be deployed in partnership with Roads Policing throughout our community. They will educate drivers and help the PSNI to prioritise where enforcement is required."

# Pupils posters deliver road safety message

Over 400 P7 children from West Belfast were tasked with creating a special road safety poster recently.

The competition supported by West Belfast PCSP, involved 6 primary schools from the Colin & Dunmurry area who all got to grips with road safety information.

The 36 winning entrants joined local neighbourhood policing officers on a trip to Radar where they learned about how to stay safe on the roads and public transport, and got tips on personal safety, antisocial behaviour and alcohol awareness.

A big well done to all who took part!



Pupils enjoyed a visit to Radar as part of their road safety poster winning competition prize recently.

Pupils from Millstrand Integrated Primary School in Portrush help to launch the Speed Indicator Device initiative with the Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Councillor Joan Baird OBE, Con. Sid Henry from PSNI, Ashleen Schenning PCSP Vice Chairperson and Claire Sugden MLA.

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### **Road Safety**

### Kids Court on the road

10 drivers in Fermanagh & Omagh faced up to local primary students after being caught speeding by police as the inventive Kids Court method of justice arrived in the area.

The speeding drivers caught outside St. Mary's Primary School and Maguiresbridge Primary School, were faced with the option of penalty points and a fine or face a grilling by pupils at the schools.

Con Trevor Kirke explained that the goal of the project is to change driver behaviour "through this experience of personally meeting with the pupils". He added: "As far as I am concerned, safety is paramount on our city's roads, so our message is loud and clear: slower is safer."

PCSP Chairperson Cllr John Coyle said: "The PCSP welcomes this initiative promoting and instilling road safety messages with school pupils and motorists. The court experience drives home the potential consequences of careless and dangerous driving with the aim to change behaviours and attitudes to road safety."



Pictured from (I-r) are: PCSP Chair Cllr John Coyle, Principal St Mary's Primary School John Prunty, Principal of Maguiresbridge Primary School Honour Irvine and Con Trevor Kirke with the junior judges from both schools.



Primary 7
pupils from
St Joseph's
Primary
School Antrim,
with Mayor
of Antrim &
Newtownabbey
Cllr Paul Hamil
and Chair
of Antrim &
Newtownabbey
PCSP, Cllr Neil
Kelly.

## Pupils get lessons in how to 'Bee' safe

Bee safe continues to be a consistently popular way to teach young people about how they can keep safe.

Road safety was high on the list of priorities for 1,700 P7 pupils in Antrim & Newtownabbey who recently took part in the 'Bee Safe' programme.

The multi-agency approach to safety, which uses role play and real life scenarios to inform young people how to stay safe and make right decisions.

Alongside road safety, the programme explores a number of topics including internet safety, fire safety, drugs and alcohol awareness, inclusion and diversity, personal safety on public transport and home safety.

Speaking about the event Chair of Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP, Cllr Neil Kelly commented: "This is an excellent event that aims to develop awareness on a range of important issues as young people prepare for the transition from primary to secondary education. I hope all of the young people who attended the event take on board the important message to help keep themselves, their friends and their family safe."





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## Older people share their concerns in Pensioners Parliament

The spotlight was on older people in Ards & North Down and Antrim & Newtownabbey recently as the latest rounds of Pensioners Parliament came to town.

Over 100 older people from Ards & North Down gathered in Bangor, while more than 70 older people turned up for Mossley Mill.

The parliament, organised by Age Sector Platform featured interactive voting, discussion and Q&A with panels of local Councillors, MLAs and policy experts.

The events also provided a great opportunity for PCSPs to engage with attendees and provide information and advice.

The key issues for older people in Antrim & Newtownabbey are age discrimination, fear of crime and healthcare. Meanwhile, people in Ards & North Down focused on health and the political impact of the collapse of the Assembly.

To find out when the parliament is due to come to your Council area

click here



Alan McCay, Ards & North Down PCSP Manager pictured at the recent Pensioners Parliament.

## Northern Ireland Policing Board



# Behind the scenes of a local Support Hub

Representatives from a range of local community, statutory and voluntary groups were invited to hear more about the Mid & East Antrim Support Hub at an information event held recently.

Launched in September 2017, the Hub brings key professionals together to facilitate early, better quality information sharing and decision making. It means agencies can identify needs and risk at an early stage ideally reducing vulnerability and ensure the best outcome for an individual.

At the event, Mid & East Antrim PCSP Manager Wendy Carson, PSNI Chief Inspector Stephen Humphries and Adult Safeguarding Specialist (NHSCT) Randal McHugh talked through the impact of the Hub has on the community, those who use it and those it benefits.

To find out more on the Support Hub

click here

AGENCY SUPPORT HUB

#### FRONT COVER CAPTION:

Pictured at the Support Hub Information event are: (I-r)
Randal McHugh NHSCT, Declan Rodgers NIFRS, Roy
McClean NIHE, Wendy Carson PCSP, Joanne Smylie NIAS,
Lynn Finlay PSNI, Helen Hargy PSNI, Paul Bakker PSNI and
Ch/Insp Stephen Humphries PSNI.

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### Businesses and organisations say 'No' to hate crime

Local businesses and organisations in the Mid & East Antrim PCSP have been offered hate crime training from PSNI as part of the No Hate Here project. The project helps organisations support victims of crime, signpost them to support services and encourage reporting as well as sending out a clear message that hate crime is not tolerated.

Mayor of Mid & East Antrim, Cllr Paul Reid said: "This initiative focuses on all types of hate crime including religious, sectarian, homophobic and racial hate crime. No form of crime is acceptable in any right thinking society and it is totally unacceptable."

Supt Emma Bond, who leads on Hate Crime for the Police Service of Northern Ireland, said: "This is an issue that requires more than just a policing response and we are delighted to join with our partners to encourage more people to do what they can to support victims."



Pictured at the launch are: (I-r) Supt Emma Bond, Bebhinn McKinley GR Manager, Billy Johnston PCSP Officer, Mayor of Mid & East Antrim Cllr Paul Reid, Ivy Goddard Inter Ethnic Forum and Superintendent Darrin Jones.

## 'Drug Dealers Don't Care' gets big screen airing

Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP recently teamed up with Movie House Cinema Glengormley to showcase their latest video as part of the 'Drug Dealers Don't Care – Do You?' campaign.

The video was shown during the Easter holidays to get the message out to as wide a range of people as possible to

encourage then to go to the police with any concerns they might have about drugs in their area; and any concerns they might have about family or friends.

PCSP Chair Cllr Neil Kelly commented: "As well as hitting home the message that drugs tear lives, families and communities apart, we really want this of reporting drug dealing. If anyone has suspicions or concerns about drug dealing in their community, I would urge them to contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

To watch the video

click here

Anyone who is suffering because of drug use, either a user or a family or friend can visit **www.drugsandalcoholni.info** 



McAdam, Movie House Manager and PCSP Vice Chair Valerie Adams with the advert playing on the big screen.

#### **FRONT COVER CAPTION:**

campaign to highlight the importance

PCSP Vice Chair Valerie Adams, Annette Mc Adam Movie House Manager and PSNI Officer Con Cully outside Movie House, Glengormley.







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## Meet an Independent PCSP member

Monica Coyle Vice Chair Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP



Retired Community Midwife Monica has been a member of Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP since it set up in 2011. Before that, she had been a member of the Omagh District Policing Partnership. Monica decided to get involved to help change perceptions about policing in her area and community. Her experience of the community and voluntary sectors and her passion for the local community make her a key member of this PCSP.

#### **Challenges?**

- especially amongst the elderly and vulnerable.

#### How is the PCSP dealing with the challenges?

and PSNI across all aspects of our work. The Crash Car Simulator is a good example of

#### **Achievements?**

- Our work to support groups dealing with domestic abuse.
- Introduction of RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) Bins.
- Working with PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Teams to build relationships between police and communities.

#### **Personal highlights?**

- Addressing the regional PCSP conference.
- Serving second term as Vice Chair.
- Being involved in delivering some great initiatives.

#### **Getting involved?**

We have a very active Facebook page where people can follow the work we and our partners are doing. I would also encourage people to attend our public meetings and feel free to contact any PCSP members with your issues.



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## infocus

an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

#### Who is your Chair?

**Cllr John Coyle** 

#### Who are your members?

Elected: Cllr John Coyle (Chair), Cllr Debbie Coyle, Cllr Keith Elliott, Cllr Tommy

Independent: Monica Coyle (Vice Chair), Neville Armstrong, Norman Kirkpatrick,

7 Designated Statutory Bodies: Police Service of Northern Ireland, NI Fire and Rescue Service, Education Authority, Youth Justice Agency, NI Housing Executive,



### Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP

#### Area covered:



#### Current and emerging issues?

- Anti-social behaviour.





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#### **Key examples of partnership work?**

- Community Safety Wardens Scheme Funded by PCSP, NIHE and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, this scheme is central to tackling low level anti-social behaviour.
- NIFRS has been instrumental in the planning and co-ordination of the Road Traffic Collision demonstrations.
- Ongoing collaboration with the PSNI.
- All partner agencies play a role in shaping the PCSP Action Plan.



## Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP



### Priorities and projects in place to deal with them?

**Priority:** Continuing to promote road safety to all age groups.

**Project:** Fatal 4 Campaign – A series of campaigns to reduce the incidence of four significant factors in RTCs - speed, drink driving, no seat belt and use of mobile phone

**Priority:** Raising awareness of domestic and sexual violence.

**Project:** Participating in the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership, different agencies working together to deliver key messages.

**Priority:** Addressing anti-social behaviour.

**Project:** Continued delivery of the Community Safety Wardens Scheme.

**Priority:** Crime and fear of crime

Project: Continued delivery of the Community Safety Wardens Scheme and continued co-ordination of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, plus alarm delivery scheme for vulnerable people.

## Progression of delivery themes?

- 1. Road safety Road traffic
  Collision demonstration. The
  Crash Car Simulator allows users
  to experience the consequences
  of driving irresponsibly including
  the potential for injury and death.
  The Simulator attends road safety
  events at schools, youth clubs
  and sports clubs.
- 2. Fear of crime There are 64 active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the district supported by the PCSP. The PCSP also delivers Scamwise presentations aimed at raising awareness.
- 3. Anti-social behaviour A
  Community Safety Liaison Officer
  is in place to address issues
  of anti-social behaviour. Other
  initiatives include the Summer
  Engagement Programme which
  works with young people.
- 4. Domestic and Sexual Violence
  - A number of awareness raising events have taken place across the borough, as well as the delivery of a pilot counselling programme.





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### Helping older people 'Feel Safe'

Over the next few weeks, local PCSPs will be receiving updated versions of Age Sector Platform's useful 'Feel Safe' guide.

This guide has been developed to help older people in Northern Ireland feel safe in their homes and communities. It provides some useful crime prevention advice, as well as information on organisations that can help you feel safe.

Since the Northern Ireland Pensioners Parliament was established, 'fear of crime' has remained one of the top three concerns of older people across the province.



600 copies will be going to each of the PCSPs so you can pick up a copy by contacting their office, or to download a copy

click here





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PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.















