

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Annual Report 2024-25



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Chair



Patricia McQuillan
Vice-Chair

We are pleased to publish the Annual Report for the period 2024-2025, which summarises the progress of the Partnership against the local outcomes it has agreed, and the strategic objectives set by the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board.

This report seeks to evidence the work of PCSP Members and staff that continues to focus on achieving a safer community; reducing levels of crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime; and improved confidence in policing.

With reduced resources, we have taken significant steps to improve public engagement. We will continue to work with local communities to develop and deliver innovative solutions that meet local needs despite significant constraints including police staffing levels. PCSP continues to respond and pre-empt emerging issues due to excellent working relationships with experts in their field. PCSP supplied personal alarms throughout the community and an additional 3000 alarms in response to an incident in Coleraine. We provided Incel training in Partnership with the Health Trust and NSPCC through our Cyber Safety Programme.

A full list of projects are included in this Annual Report which include three significant achievements:

- Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP highlighted and promoted their 'cyber safety' resource - the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland. The PCSP partnered with the NSPCC, the Northern and Western Health Trusts and the Education Authority to develop the toolkit, which aims to support young people with topics such as: suicide, mental health and self-esteem, online bullying, gaming and gambling, sharing and receiving inappropriate images.

The resource is intended to be used by a range of organisations such as schools or youth groups. It provides animations, lesson plans and other supporting resources designed to support young people in need. The free resource can be viewed at <https://view.pagetiger.com/online-safety-and-mental-health>. This initiative was runner up at the PSNI Problem Solving Awards 2025.

- Disability Project- Launch of Hate Crime lesson Plan in partnership with Disability Action, Causeway Neurodiversity, Mencap, Education Authority, Hate Crime Advocacy Service and PSNI. Adopted and used by all EA Youth Workers across the Causeway Coast and Glens. Disseminated to post primary schools. Finalist in NILGA Awards 2025. CC&G was the first PCSP to complete research in this

(244 engaged) and engage with disabled residents with regard to PCSP work to assist in community safety issues and challenges faced. Winner of PCSP category in PSNI Problem Solving Awards 2024.

- Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP has launched a 'cyber safety' resource - the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland. The PCSP partnered with the NSPCC, the Northern and Western Health Trusts and the Education Authority to develop the toolkit, which aims to support young people with topics such as suicide, mental health, and self-esteem, online bullying, gaming and gambling, sharing and receiving inappropriate images. The resource is intended to be used by a range of organisations, such as in schools or youth groups. It provides animations, lesson plans and other supporting resources designed to support young people in need. The free resource can be viewed at view.pagetiger.com/online-safety-and-mental-health. This initiative was finalist in PSNI Problem Solving Awards 2024.
- Since 2018: Speed Identification Devices have been deployed 201 times = 6,398 days = 6 million+ drivers being made aware of their speed.

The PCSP has also strategically themed working groups with both Independent and Elected Chairs focusing on:

- PCSP Projects
- Grant Funding
- Confidence in Policing

These Working Groups focused on emerging issues and developing solutions with our strategic partners that were submitted to the PCSP Board for approval and implementation.

The Action Plan for next year will continue to develop this work along with other new initiatives and be reflected in the PSNI Local Policing Plan. We will reflect applicable aspects of the Programme for Government and local Community Planning in those plans.

We are encouraged by the growing level of public interest in the work of the PCSP. We would wish to acknowledge and thank those people who took part in projects or contacted us with concerns. We encourage you to continue to engage with us over the next twelve months through your local Independent and Elected Representatives and our staff.

We will continue to address the multiple challenges to community safety that exist within the Borough but need your input and support to do so at a time when resources are being reduced. We appeal to you to report community safety issues as they happen and help us to address them, making your Borough a safer place to live and work.

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Profile of Causeway Coast and Glens

Please see detailed Profile of Borough completed by Community Planning 2024
www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Causeway Coast and Glens stretches from Lough Foyle in the west to the Glens of Antrim in the east covering an area of 1,968 square kilometres. This makes Causeway Coast and Glens one of the largest Councils in Northern Ireland in terms of land mass. Whilst largely a rural borough, there are a number of established settlements within the including Coleraine, Ballymoney and Limavady.

There are Seven District Electoral areas (DEAs) within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area and 40 wards as outlined in the maps below.

Map of the 40 Wards (and DEAs) in Causeway Coast and Glens.



Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP, established under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, has the overall purpose of helping to make communities safer and to ensure that the voices of local people are heard on policing and community safety issues. The aim is to empower communities to help develop solutions that will help tackle crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Strategic objectives for Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnerships are as follows:

Strategic Priority 1 – To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication and engagement

through:

- carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans.
- ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate;
- using a range of platforms, including multimedia, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP; and
- increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.

Strategic Priority 2 - To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

through

- utilizing the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/ community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally.
- working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured.
- drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours.
- enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable.
- engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and re-direct resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues.

- having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development – and vice versa; and
- providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.

Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities through

- ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance.
- identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.
- providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems.
- delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing.
- carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing.
- delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities.
- providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and
- building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.

1.1 The Strategic Priorities may however be reviewed at any time by Joint Committee to ensure that they are fit for purpose in relation to the effectiveness of PCSPs.

1.2 In addressing the three Strategic Priorities, PCSPs are required to take account of a number of developments, including:

- (a) The Community Safety Framework**
- (b) The Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2025-2030 and Annual Performance Plan 2020/2021**
- (c) Criminal Justice Inspection NI report**
- (d) Public Satisfaction with PCSPs**
- (e) Together: Building a United Community**
- (f) Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality, and Organised Crime Programme**
- (g) Community Planning**
- (h) Participatory Budgeting**

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP's Policing Committee has debated and agreed the local policing plan priorities with the Area Commander throughout the year.

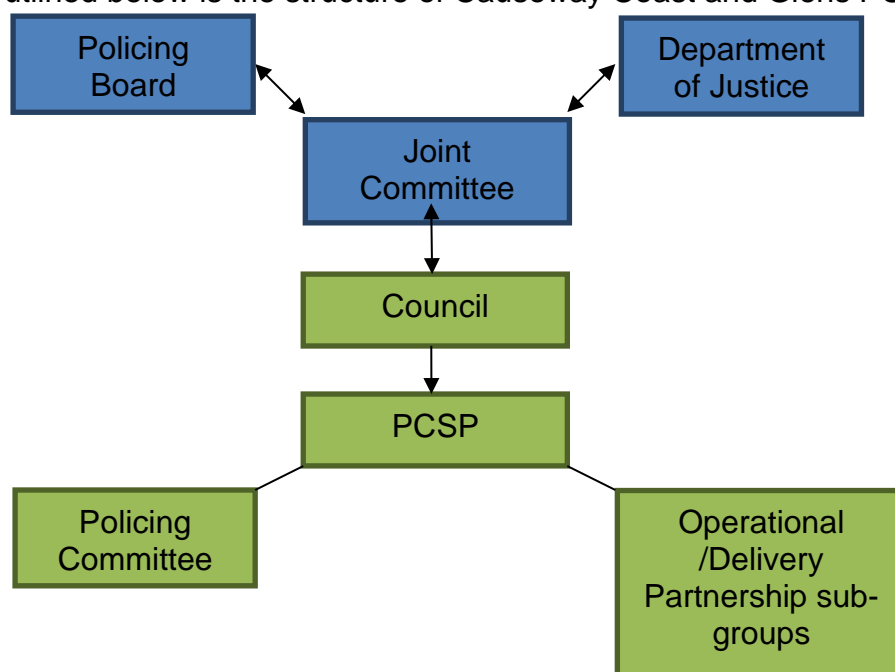
Partnership objectives were achieved through joint working with the public, voluntary, private and community sectors at a local level. A wide range of organisations have a role in developing programmes and actions that will systematically tackle the underlying causes of crime and anti-social behaviour, rather than simply dealing with the problems which they present.

Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership consists of 10 elected members, 9 independent members appointed by Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) and statutory organisations appointed via an Assembly designation process, as follows:

- the Police Service of Northern Ireland
- the Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- the Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- the Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland
- Health and Social Care Trusts
- Education Authority of Northern Ireland; and
- the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Outlined below is the structure of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP



Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP has a Policing Committee consisting of the political and independent members who are tasked with functions in respect of monitoring police performance and inputting into the local policing plan.

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Membership

Independent members of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP

Independent Member	Ms Leanne Abernethy
Independent Member	Mr Adam Campbell
Independent Member	Mr George Duddy
Independent Member	Ms Yasmin Geddis
Independent Member	Mr Graham Maze
Independent Member	Mrs Mary McCrea
Independent Member	Mr Alan McLean
Independent Member	Mrs Patricia McQuillan
Independent Member	Mrs Carolyn White

Political Members of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP

Councillor	Philip	Anderson	DUP
Councillor	Ciaran	Archibald	SF
Councillor	Steven	Callaghan	DUP
Councillor	Brenda	Chivers	SF
Alderman	Mark	Fielding	DUP
Councillor	Oliver	McMullan	SF
Councillor	Leanne	Peacock	SF
Councillor	Darryl	Wilson	DUP
Alderman	Richard	Stewart	Alliance
Councillor	John	Wisener	UUP

STATUTORY REPRESENTATIVES

Organisation	Representative
Police Service of Northern Ireland	Siobhan Watt
Police Service of Northern Ireland	Sinead McIlldowney
Police Service of Northern Ireland	Yvonne McManus
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service	Clive Lowry
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Mark Alexander
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Jacqueline Armstrong
Western Health and Social Care Trust	Jacqueline Armstrong
Education Authority Northern Ireland	Deirdre Bradley
Probation Board for Northern Ireland	Peter Beck
Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland	Erin Higgins

If you would like further information on PCSP members, please use the contact details at the back of this report.

Strategic Objective 1- to successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership for the area - sets out targets for member engagement, community/media engagement.

PCSP Meetings - Members' Attendance

April 2024 to March 2025	Board	CIP	P WG	Grant	Other	Left
Ms Leanne Abernethy	5		2		4	
Cllr Philip Anderson	5			1	1	
Mr Alan Campbell	3			6	2	
Cllr Ciaran Archibald	6		1	7	1	
Cllr Steven Callaghan	4		2	4		
Cllr Brenda Chivers	7		2		1	
Cllr Mark Fielding	3		0	6	2	
Mr Duddy George	4		2		1	
Cllr Oliver McMullan	2					
Mrs Patricia McQuillan	10		2		2	
Mary McCrea	3			4		
Cllr Leanne Peacock	1				0	
Mr Alan McLean	6		2			
Yasmin Geddis	3					
Mrs Carolyn White	2					
Cllr Darryl Wilson	5				1	
Cllr Richard Stewart	3			1		
Cllr Ivor Wallace	2				1	
S Lavery	1			1		03/10
G Maze	3			5	1	
Cllr Dawn Huggins	4			1	1	06/02

PCSP Meetings – Statutory Attendance

April 2024 to March 2025	Attendance
EANI	8
NIHE	9
NH&SCT	3
NIF&RS	7
PBNI	6
PSNI	8
WH&SCT	7
YJA	7

Strategic Objective 2 - to improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behavior – this objective has 6 themes with a number of projects under each theme:

Theme 1: Anti-social Behaviour

Graffiti Removal Scheme

This scheme helps maintain a graffiti-free environment throughout Causeway Coast and Glens by enabling prompt action to remove graffiti.

On receipt of reports from PCSP members, police, elected representatives, council staff or residents, a check is carried out to determine ownership of the property or site and assess if it is the responsibility of a statutory partner or falls under the remit of the PCSP Scheme criteria. Once established, removal is actioned or a referral made to the appropriate partner.

The scheme saw an appointed contractor respond to over 85% of incidents of graffiti across the council area within a 48hr period.

How much did we do?

42 of referrals received (12 referred to NIHE/CCG)

30 of referrals responded to

580 of square metres of offensive graffiti removed.

How well did we do it?

100% referrals removed inside 48hrs. Due to illness one case took 72hrs to be removed.

98% of local communities are satisfied with graffiti.

Is anyone better off?

3 repeat graffiti locations. All locals spoken to when contractor was out removing graffiti were happy to see it being removed.



Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a partnership between local communities, the Police and PCSPs, aims to help people protect themselves and their property and reduce the fear of crime. Schemes create effective communication between residents and the police, with local coordinators acting as a primary point of contact.

Regular contact was made with Coordinators to ensure that they were up to date with support and crime trends, scams, information on support such as crimestoppers and training opportunities.

All Neighbourhood watch coordinators were invited to take part in crime prevention training carried out by the Police Crime Prevention Academy which covered:

Two editions of the Neighbourhood watch newsletters were designed and circulated throughout the year.

How much did we do?

36 schemes with 42 coordinators are in currently operation throughout the Borough.

Two neighbourhood watch newsletters were designed and circulated to all neighbourhood watch schemes.

How well did we do it?

50 % of respondents who feel NHW is working well

Is anyone better off?

79% of NHW co-ordinators report they feel they and their property are safer because of living in a neighbourhood watch area.

57% of respondents who have adopted crime prevention advice

50% of coordinators reported increased confidence in police

71% of NW coordinators said they were more likely to report/engage with PSNI because of their involvement with neighbourhood watch.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 28 – AUTUMN 2024

HATE CRIME 2024

A hate crime or incident can involve people being targeted based on their disability, gender identity, race, religion and sexual orientation, and it can take many forms such as physical and verbal attacks. Over the last while, police in Causeway Coast and Glens have seen an increase in hate crimes including vandalism, graffiti, posters including threatening behaviour and even online abuse targeting individuals and their families.

With Hate Crime Awareness Week taking place in October, police want to raise awareness of the increase in hate crime across the North Coast, and highlight how it affects those who experience it and how victims can seek help and support that's available to them.

If victims report, we can sign-post them to the independent Hate Crime Advocacy Service who can provide them with the support they need.

If you are the victim of hate crime or know someone who is, a report can be made to police by dialling 101, or 999 in an emergency, or online at www.psni.police.uk/makeareport. You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. If victims do not wish to contact police directly they can seek support from the Hate Crime Advocacy Service.

Further information on the Police Service approach to Hate Crime is available on our website.





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER: Edition 29 – SPRING/SUMMER 2025

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS SUCCESS AT RECENT AWARDS

Causeway Coast and Glens Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and Age Concern Causeway triumphed at the recent PSNI Problem-Solving awards for two innovative initiatives which are now being used across the Borough and beyond.

The PCSP Don't Worry Be Appy project picked up 2nd place in the PSNI category of the awards. This online safety resource was developed by the PCSP in partnership with the Northern and Western Health and Social Care Trusts, NSPCC, PSNI and Education Authority.

The adaptable resource, which can be used as a series of or as stand-alone lessons, covers five topics: Suicide, Mental Health and Self-esteem, Online Bullying, Gaming and Gambling, Sharing and receiving inappropriate images and where to go for support. The resource has been in use across the Borough for over a year now and has received fantastic feedback from teachers and youth workers alike.

While it is nice to get recognition from awards like these, more importantly, they help promote these resources, ensuring that any school, community group or youth club facilitator who isn't already aware of them can get in touch and avail of this free resource to help keep young people safer online. For more information, please contact pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Also recognised for its fantastic work was one of the PCSP small £999 recipients, Age Concern Causeway won 3rd place in the community award for their first of its kind Dementia Safeguarding Scheme. The scheme encourages carers, family, and friends to provide useful information which can be used in the event of a person with dementia going missing or who needs assistance. Not only does this increase dementia awareness but reduces the risks for those living with dementia when out and about, it enables them to remain active members of the community and provides peace of mind for loved ones. For more information or to register and avail of the FREE wristband via the Age Concern Causeway website: <https://ageconcerncauseway.org>

If your community group wishes to apply for a small grant for a local project, applications will open again on 1st April 2025. Do not hesitate to contact PCSP staff at pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk for more information.



To find out more about setting up a Neighbourhood watch scheme in your area, or for further information on Neighbourhood Watch email: pcsp@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or call 028 703 47034 or speak with your local PSNI Officer.

2 Fast 2 Soon – PCSP joined forces with the PSNI and NIF&RS to drive home the importance of road safety at events right across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough council area.

A number of road traffic collision demonstrations were played out.



The events also featured the PCSP's car crash simulator and the primary objective was to encourage better driving and a safer approach to getting behind the wheel. Accident demonstrations are a powerful way to share the road safety message where PSNI and the NIFRS are key partners. There was 100% positive feedback from the different events.

How much did we do?

14 presentations and 1460 people engaged. 88 Schools Road Safety signs delivered and being used in the front of schools.

How well did we do it?

100% of teachers or youth organisers satisfied with the event

100% of people satisfied with the experience

Is anyone better off?

100% of participants reporting learning new information

95% of participants reported changed attitudes to RTCs and driving behaviour.



Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS)

Since the inception of PCSPs in 2011, every public meeting has had a significant focus on speeding and dangerous driving throughout the Borough. Based on this need CC&G PCSP researched and purchased 4 mobile SID units for deployment throughout the Borough in 2017, with further units purchase since then, there are now 8 trailer double mounted units, with further developments 2023/24. SIDs are primarily mounted upon sign poles which created significant challenges for Roads Service resulting in CC&G PCSP having to develop this innovative solution.



By mounting two SID units on trailer's they became mobile which allows maximum flexibility in responding to need and complaints of speeding and captures data from both sides of the road at the same time.

These mobile units are available on request from anyone within the local community and are placed for a period of approximately 2-3 weeks, allowing a firm baseline of data on which to be built.

The trailers act as an awareness raising source and promote the work of the local PCSP.

These devices notify drivers of their speed whilst recording the data but not punishing any offences, educating road users to slow down. The data can also be used to challenge Road Services on the need for road calming measures.

It also allows intelligence led Police speed enforcement operations at recorded evidence based peak times, which in turn will show the community that the Police are doing their jobs effectively and increase confidence in Policing.

Therefore, utilising the PSNI limited resources more efficiently and increasing road safety.

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP, being the first PCSP at be funded for SID units, have assisted other PCSP's to set up their SID projects.

Since conception in 2018 the SID project has achieved the below results.

	2018/19 to 2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/23	Totals
Deployments	61	47	53	10*	30	201
Days deployed	864	1617	1689	777	1547	6,494
Drivers Educated on Speed	796,953	1,519,162	1,272,128	608,973	1,998,137	6,100,337
Deployers	PSNI	PCSP staff	PCSP staff	PCSP staff	PCSP staff	

*Only 10 deployments due to trailers being modified to carry two Sid units and associated equipment.

How much did we do?

30 of deployments

1547 of days of deployments

78 of requests from community

1,998,137 of vehicles counted.

How well did we do it?

108 of data reports produced for communities/PSNI.

Is anyone better off?

1,998,137 of drivers educated by SID on their speed
100% of reports provided to PSNI to inform priorities.

New Driver Safety Ambassadors



1800 learning resources were distributed to all post primary schools within the council area. 100% of schools were satisfied with service.

1200 Senior citizen resources distributed throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough council.

14 Secondary schools visited, and workshops completed with all driving age students.

Senior Driver

Improving road safety throughout the Causeway Coast and Glens council area. New Driver NI in partnership with CC&G PCSP developed a resource booklet for the Senior Driver.



Theme 2: Drug and Alcohol Related Crime

Education Programme: - Last Orders

The aim of the school's project was to make children aware of the physical, mental and emotional consequences that risk taking behaviours may possess.

Developed by a team of doctors, NSPCC professionals and teachers, "Last Orders" is a professional and specialist theatre company production telling the story of three

teenagers embarking on an alcohol fuelled night out and exploring the disastrous consequences. Based on true events, the play is written in a hard-hitting yet humorous style.

The educational play highlighting the dangers of alcohol and anti-social behaviour and online safety was hosted in post primary schools across the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.

The 50-minute play was followed up by an interactive classroom-based workshop which highlighted the impact of alcohol on risk taking behaviours including online behaviours. In 2023 on request of school Principals' the workshop included the dangers of vaping including vape spiking. Workshops also including additional issues such as: organised fights and highlighted One Punch Can Kill messages.

Performances of 'Last Orders', organised by Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership and delivered by Solomon Theatre Company, were delivered in the school setting on 11th November 2024 and 22nd November 2024.



How much did we do?

1298 pupils participated in project

100% offered to all post primary schools

How well did we do it?

67% (12) of post primary schools participated in the programme

89% of young audience satisfied with quality of event.

Is anyone better off?

77% audience giving increased thought to the consequences of risk-taking behaviour.

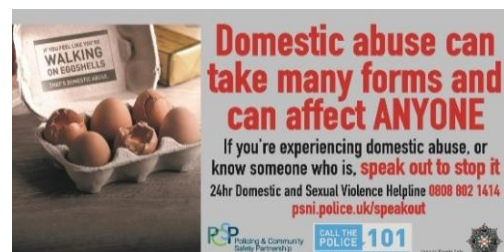
78% audience feeling better able to assess, avoid and access support for risk taking behaviours.

Theme 3: Domestic, Sexual Abuse & Coercive Behaviour

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is a major problem with PSNI receiving calls every 17 minutes in Northern Ireland. It takes a victim to generally be abused 34 times before reaching out for help. PCSP provide extra support hours to ensure no survivor must wait excess time to access support including equipment to individuals at high risk to protect, increase confidence, deter attacks and gather evidence to support prosecution they are made to feel safe in their own homes.

The police role is about prevention, protection and prosecution – to prevent further violence, to protect the victims, children and other vulnerable people and to facilitate the prosecution of offenders. They work closely with statutory and voluntary partners, to ensure the survivors get the help they deserve, to highlight the issue of domestic abuse and to explore ways in which we can keep communities safer.



There are dedicated domestic abuse officers across Northern Ireland to ensure that all domestic abuse crimes are investigated, whilst providing support and information to victims about police procedures and legal proceedings.

Domestic abuse cannot be dealt with solely by the police and it is important that the partnership work continues in order to highlight the issue of domestic abuse and explore ways in which we can all make our communities safer. The PCSP also works closely with Women's Aid in relation to the support offered to survivors and early intervention in schools.

Domestic abuse and stalking support equipment

Domestic abuse and stalking support equipment was purchased and issued to individuals at high risk of death/serious nature via PSNI and partner agencies to protect, increase confidence, deter attack and gather evidence to support prosecution. These items included: home security cameras, Door bracers, personal panic alarms etc.

These items can be issued immediately where appropriate and security cameras can be installed within 1-12 hours of request.

How much did we do?

51 people provided with any equipment.

How well did we do it?

100% of users reporting the service was useful.

Is anyone better off?

100% of users who felt safer because of the equipment.

Domestic Abuse Extra Support Hours

Causeway Coast and Glens PSNI reports of domestic abuse incidents and crimes have increased steadily.

Over a thousand crimes are reported in relation to domestic violence in a year in CC&G. These affect entire families. People who return to violent situations face risk of further abuse. There is evidence that children familiar with abuse are prone to accepting abusive behaviour. Supporting survivors to change their situation is also vitally important.

CC&G PCSP want to ensure that vulnerable persons experiencing Domestic Abuse can access the support they require without having to wait a disproportionate length of time due to high volumes of people accessing services.

Causeway & Mid Ulster Women's Aid receive funding for extra support hours for survivors of domestic abuse within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area.

How much did we do?

30 of survivors directly supported.

1020 of hours of support

How well did we do it?

30 of survivors supported to access additional support services.

Is anyone better off?

100% who learned about access to other supports.

90% of users being satisfied by service

Teenager Healthy relationships programme

PCSP members identified a “gap” in services for a Teenagers Healthy relationships programme. Causeway & Mid Ulster (also in partnership with Foyle Women’s Aid) were successful in the tender process and have delivered education sessions throughout Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area schools.

The following Post primary school Teenagers Healthy Relationships sessions were provided:

<u>Session 1</u> Relationships	Introduction; confidentiality; disclosures. What a relationship is, types of relationships, our needs and who meets our needs, choice, and behaviour in relation to self and others, links between thinking, feelings, historical social norms, cultural norms, society values, understanding myths and stereotypes
<u>Session 2</u> Healthy/Unhealthy Relationships Coercive Control Consent	Review of week 1 Relationship types (parental-child, siblings, friends, intimate relationships including same sex, LGBTQ etc); distinguishing between a healthy/unhealthy relationship, Early Warning Signs, relationship choices; respect and consent; rights and responsibilities. What it is, unequal power and control, how to recognise it, impact on self-esteem and confidence What it is, the law and consent, why it’s sometimes hard to say No, positives of consent, implications
<u>Session 3</u> Dating violence	Review of week 2 What it is, who it can happen to, including LGBTQ+, DVD – Good, Bad, Ugly, what is Dating Violence, coercive/controlling behaviour, what the young person can do

Domestic violence and abusive relationships	Early warning signs, Healthy cycle/cycle of violence, types of abuse (including physical, emotional and digital), impact and effects including coercive/controlling behaviour, personal and family impact, understanding trauma.
Self-Care	Importance of self-care, recognising when we need to prioritise self-care and how we can do that
<u>Session 4</u>	Review of week 3
Sexting and Social Media Risks	Sexting, cyber bullying, revenge porn, social media, online safety, risks and consequences of inappropriate use, implications for future education and employment, legal implications, Safety planning/ online safety
Safety planning	Young people complete their own safety plan with their own sources of support.
Support	Sources of support, agencies, who the young person can talk to.
Evaluation	Review of programme; Post course evaluation students and teachers.

How much did we do?

80 of awareness raising initiatives/sessions

1450 of attendees on training programmes & awareness raising initiatives/sessions

How well did we do it?

92% satisfaction with the awareness raising sessions delivered.

92% satisfaction with the training sessions delivered.

Is anyone better off?

100% who learned about access to other supports.

100 % attendees with increased knowledge on healthy relationships

Some feedback from teachers

“Excellent programme. Very up to date information. A good balance of discussion & presenter-led activities. Excellent coverage of RSE framework. Good ‘pitching’ for students. Thought provoking”

“Very informative, pitched at a good level. Engaging and well delivered.”

“I feel that they will have a much better understanding of Domestic abuse. I feel they will be better equipped to deal with incidents of abuse and how to help others”

“Unfortunately, it was a very necessary programme. I thought I was well delivered. It informed without putting children in a position where they had to take part more than they were comfortable with”

“a nice mix of video/presentation”

“Pitched perfectly and sensitively to the pupils”

“Much needed...”

Theme 4: Hate Crime – initiatives moved to under Vulnerabilities

Theme 5: Cyber Crime

Cybersafe

Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) continue to develop their Cyber Safety programme each year. Delivering ad hoc Cyber safety sessions throughout the Causeway and Coast and Glens schools with partner organisations as well as to highlight and promote their ‘cyber safety’ resource - the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland. The PCSP partnered with the NSPCC, the Northern and Western Health Trusts and the Education Authority to develop the toolkit, which aims to support young people with topics such as:

- Suicide, mental health, and self-esteem
- Online bullying
- Gaming and gambling
- Sharing and receiving inappropriate images
- Where to get support

The resource is intended to be used by a range of organisations, such as in schools or youth groups. It provides animations, lesson plans and other supporting resources designed to support young people in need.

The free resource can be viewed at <https://view.pagetiger.com/online-safety-and-mental-health> .

This initiative was runner up at the PSNI Problem Solving Awards 2025.

Theme 6: Vulnerabilities from Organised Crime inc Paramilitary

Community Intervention Support Programme

Developing Positive Engagement:

In 2022, the partnership identified a gap in the services for 18+ year olds, who are not eligible for Probation board or Youth Justice Agency funding. This project is designed to address individuals who are on the cusp or already at the attention of Police for intervention via individual grants programme (up to £600 each) to attempt to steer the individual away from Police attention. These individual grants will be interventions such as training courses, gym membership, etc. whatever the individual has identified as a way of intervention from the behaviour they have been involved in or portraying, to avoid coming to the attention of Police. This project was proved successful and repeated to help more residents in 2024/25.

AIMS Project based at Ulidian Centre, Ballymoney has been successful in the tender process to provide the management of the Developing Positive Engagements programme for the last three years.

Feedback from AIMS:

This programme has benefited 23 young people and has had a positive bearing on the participants families, friends and wider society.

We would wish to thank Melissa and Jonny for their support and guidance throughout this programme.

Unfortunately, many of the participants on the DPE Programme have very similar issues to those involved in previous years. Low self-esteem, mental health issues, marital breakdowns and alcohol and substance abuse.

Aims are grateful to the PCSP for understanding the real need to continue developing a personalised youth intervention programme and for trusting us to deliver it. The programme has changed lives and improved the participants life's chances.

A participant summed up the programme in the following words:

"I don't know what I would have done. This has given me the incentive to try something new in my life. I want to give something back to others in return for the chance I have been given."

How much did we do?

140 Support meetings
27 All referrals
17 Good news stories

How well did we do it?

23 actions and interventions now completed.

23 accepted

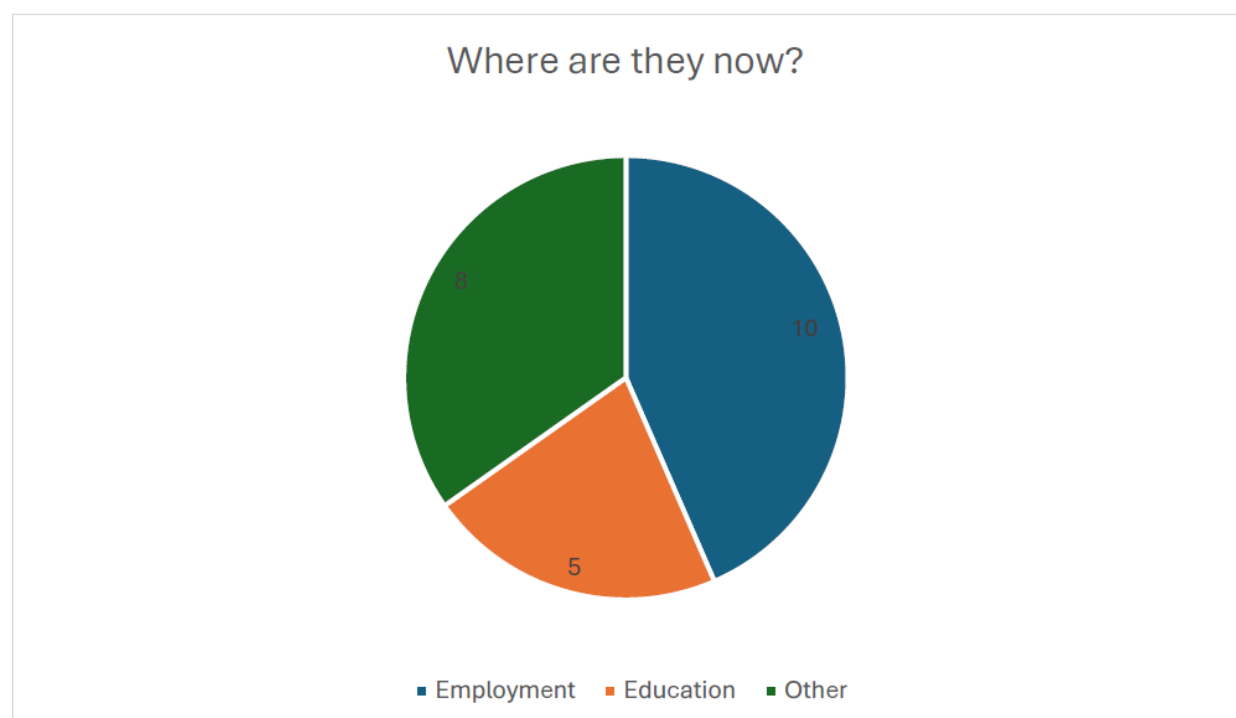
4 not accepted and signposted elsewhere were beyond the age threshold and 3 were below the age threshold. The Personal Learning Account Grant was highlighted to those suitable.

100% partner satisfaction

Is anyone better off?

100% of the persons referred showed a marked decrease in incidents involving them since being accepted onto the programme.

74% of persons given interventions have achieved their goals.



Participant 1

The participant's family unit has broken down and they have found themselves the victim of physical abuse, perpetrated by their younger sibling, who has learning difficulties, since the breakdown of their parents' marriage. The participant is now residing between both parents' homes, and this has by their own admission, led them to

becoming involved in low level anti-social behaviour incidents. The participant has been spoken to by the police, and they have advised the participant about their behaviour and informed both parents of the incidences. The participants parents believe the participant is acting out due to their marital situation.

The participant, due to their family circumstances left school with minimal qualifications, and they are working part time in cafes and shops. The participant has the ability to succeed educationally, and the intervention provided a laptop computer to facilitate the participant enrolling in a full-time educational course.

Participant 6

The participant had become involved in several minor public order type offences. Through their own admission the incidences they have become involved in are through their own fault, and alcohol is a contributing factor. The participants long term relationship has broken down, and they recently lost their job, which has had an impact on their mental health.

The participant attended a Security Industry Authority accredited Door Supervisors course, which they successfully completed. The participant has now found employment on a part-time basis, which will give them experience in the hospitality and sports industries working as a door supervisor. They are continuing to apply for other full-time positions within the security industry.

Participant 16

The participant has a history of substance and alcohol abuse, which started in their teenage years. They had been involved with a peer group who are much older than them. With the breakdown of his parents' marriage, the participant became more involved with this group, and they started to roam the streets. The participant acknowledged that they became involved in low level anti-social behaviour and being caught by the PSNI, because their father was always out working, and it gave him the participant the opportunity to come and go as they pleased from their home. The participants father only became aware of their behaviour when the PSNI returned them to the house and into their father's care. The participants education suffered because of their addictions, for which they are now receiving help with, and they are coping well with.

The participant successfully completed 3 courses as their intervention. They found the courses interesting and challenging. The participant has now an interest in undertaking further courses to improve their educational qualifications to give them a better opportunity to gain employment. The participant has matured very quickly, and they have withdrawn from the peer group they were involved with. The participant now understands the importance of having an education or suitable vocational qualifications to gain employment.

Feedback from some participants:

"I am ashamed of myself, because of the posts I had been making on social media. I have let my partner and baby down, as well as my mum and dad".

"I was not brought up this way, but I was led by those who I thought were my friends. I'm sorry. If it hadn't been for the PCSP funding, I would never have known the real story about refugees and migration".

“The SIA course has been like an escape from the daily slog of life. I now feel I have a worth”.

“The police are different when you are working alongside them at a night club, we rely on each other. I’ve had some good craic with some of them”.

“Thank you for believing in people and giving them a second chance to prove themselves, this programme has the potential to change lives”.

“The help, which the PCSP has given me has really helped me to get myself back on track. It has helped my mental health. I have other things to think about now, and I have set myself goals. I never ever heard of the PCSP, but now I feel I’ve become part of it, and I tell everyone about what they have done for me, thank you”.

“Without the help I received, I would most likely have gone back into my shell and not faced the issues which were affecting me. I feel stronger and more able to deal with some of the stuff which annoyed me. I feel I can speak to other people now, thanks to the PCSP funding”.

“This intervention has been brilliant. It has given me a safer way of doing things, which I had lost due to self-harming. The impact cannot be underestimated, thank you so much”.

A point of note: for the majority of participants, the behaviours they exhibited and became involved in were a reaction to mental health issues, lack of confidence, anxiety and a desire to fit in. This highlights the need for early intervention positive mental health and resilience programmes which may reduce these ‘cries for help’.

Causeway Coast and Glens Multi-agency Support Hub

Background

Vulnerable people living across the Causeway Coast and Glens are benefiting from the multi-agency support hub launched in February 2018, it encourages an ethos of working together to provide appropriate assistance to those in need. The initiative which involves Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, the Department of Justice, PSNI, Housing Executive, Northern & Western Health Trusts, NIFRS, NIAS and other statutory agencies on an ad hoc basis, was developed as part of the Community Plan for the area which provides a long-term vision for the future based on needs, priorities and opportunities.

The multi-agency approach of the Support Hub helps to create a fuller picture around the person or family unit allowing for early interventions to reduce vulnerability and improve well-being. Information sharing between the partners means individuals and groups are getting the right help for their particular circumstances.

Since February 2018, over 250 people have been helped in a number of ways. Some have been supported directly by agencies in the Support Hub, others have been signposted to local support groups. In some cases, the statutory bodies have worked together to prevent perpetrators from getting access to vulnerable individuals. The Support Hub is partnering, where appropriate, with other groups throughout Causeway Coast and Glens in order to help as many people as possible. In 2024 we achieved the following outcome:

How much did we do?

12 Meetings

How well did we do it?

28 referrals agreed

Is anyone better off?

38 individuals supported

Evaluation of Support Hubs in Northern Ireland

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/evaluation-reports>

Winter Well Events**How much did we do?**

4 Events

600 Attendees at the events

4 Different towns hosting events.

How well did we do it?

100% of the audience finds the event useful

20% of the audience new

Is anyone better off?

600 and 100% participants feeling safer as a result of the event

100% of people more likely to report crime to the police

600 and 100% participants with improved understanding of how to keep themselves safe and access support services



These events allow the PCSP to engage with a large number of people at once. Bringing together a range of services and agencies that can help and advise the senior community. We worked in partnership with a range of different organisations to implement this programme. Using the PSNI Crime Prevention officer, PHA, HSC, Good Morning services, LDCI, BCRC as well as COAST and other best place organisations to advise communities on their local needs.



Safe Home Scheme

Safe Home is a multi-agency partnership project whereby police refer victims of crime and those who are vulnerable are referred by social workers, family members, older persons groups as well as self-referrals.

Safe Home has beneficiary selection criteria to ensure that the service is targeted at the most vulnerable. The project is delivered by Causeway Older Active Strategic Team (C.O.A.S.T) across the council area.

The project is delivered via a bespoke home visit where an assessment is undertaken in respect of security needs and participants have the opportunity to have appropriate equipment installed. 275 completed visits with 100% of those vulnerable or isolated people that have received this service, feel it has had a positive impact on their lives. This has given them the confidence to feel safe in their own homes.

Key Safes

To date COAST has fitted 400 key safes for the PCSP -

FREE 'SAFE HOME' Service

We supply and fit the following items depending on the clients' needs, as assessed by the Safe Home team

- ✓ Secure ring door chain
- ✓ Door chimes
- ✓ Solar welcome light
- ✓ Safe-home Pack
- ✓ Keysafe – additional cost

☐ Would you like to feel more SAFE in your home?

☐ Are you aged 60+?

☐ Do you live in the Causeway Coast and Glens Area?

☐ If so, you may be eligible for a FREE Safe Home visit

Call us to discuss full eligibility criteria
**Visit are always pre-arranged with the client at a time which suits you.

Our Safe Home team are access all cleared and suitably trained

Call COAST on 028777 67860
 Email coast.manager@yahoo.co.uk

Disability Project

For 5 years the Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP have worked closely with the PSNI, local disability charities (Disability Action, Mencap Autism NI and Causeway

Neurodiversity), and the Hate Crime Advocacy Service to plan and develop a disability hate crime awareness raising project, with a particular focus on young people.

A PCSP consultation highlighted that people living with a disability said they would feel safer if others were more educated about disabilities while 63% of carers said that increased education and awareness about disability hate crime is needed. The PCSP hosted training sessions and developed an awareness raising animation on the Disability hate crime and how to become an active bystander. This can be found on:

Vimeo - <https://vimeo.com/811246149>

You tube - <https://youtu.be/MFb3cjgAqN4>

As the project continued to develop the PCSP and partners agencies engaged with another disability hate crime organisation in Scotland to learn best practice from one another and share resources. This partnership led to the development of a lesson plan for post primary aged pupils.

Throughout each stage of the lesson plan development young people (with and without disabilities) collaborated in the design and content. The lesson plan was piloted in June 2024 by young people from a local school. The PCSP also linked with the Education Authority's Creative Arts and Digital Innovation (CADi) Programme to develop promotional videos involving young people piloting the lesson plan. Two videos were produced by young people participating in the CADi programme and were used to promote the use of the lesson plan prior to its launch.

The lesson plan was launched on 17th October 2024 during Hate Crime Awareness week. All post primary schools, regional colleges and young workers across the Causeway Coast and Glens were invited to attend the event which had speakers from PSNI, Disability support organisations, personal accounts of the effects of disability hate crime in schools and the Education Authority's Addressing Bullying in schools' teams (ASIT). Attendees were enthusiastic in bringing back their learning and committed to using the lesson plan within their own settings.

Feedback included:

"(we plan) to run a social action programme using the information and resources I have collected today"

"(we will) use the resources in our citizenship programme"

The Lesson plan includes:

- Disability (including physical, learning and hidden disabilities)
- the impact of bullying type behaviours,
- what a hate crime is and how to access support
- how to be an active bystander

It can be accessed via [DHC - pscp \(pacttiger.com\)](https://pacttiger.com)

The Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP's disability project was shortlisted as a finalist in the Equality, diversity and Inclusion category of the 2025 Northern Ireland Local Government Awards.

Shining a light on Disability Hate Crime

Animation

Lesson plan and glossary

Presentation

Workbook

Be an active bystander poster

PSCP Policing & Community Safety Partnership
making Causeway Coast & Glens safer

I Am Me Scotland
With thanks to I Am Me Scotland for providing the information in this lesson plan.

ea Education Authority

Disability Action

mencap
The voice of learning disability

CAUSEWAY NEURODIVERSITY

Click here to read about PSCP...

Click here to read about I Am Me Scotland...





How much did we do?

Development and piloted Disability Hate crime lesson plan (consisting of animation, workbook, presentation and lesson plan guidance)

Development of two promotional videos

Launch event

How well did we do it?

100% partners satisfied with content and layout of lesson plan.

100% young people who participated in testing phase of lesson plan were satisfied with the content.

Is anyone better off?

100% increased knowledge about disability hate crime.

100% participants feeling safer as result of event/training and know how to access support services.

Crime Prevention

SelectnaDNA training was organized by the PCSP for staff and Neighbourhood policing teams (NPT) across the Borough in June 2024. 18 officers attended the training which outlined how rural crime kits, bike QR coded and personal equipment selectaDNA packs work and how to register. PCSP supplied Selectadna kits to NPT teams across the Borough to disseminate and encourage members of the public to mark their property as a crime prevention tool.

The PCSP provided crime prevention equipment to the Crime Prevention Officer who carried out an average of 12-14 weekly visits (Visits included: talk with 70 community groups as well as individual domestic abuse victims, older persons, housebound, victims of crime and people feeling vulnerable to crime).

Items were also provided to members of the public through PCSP member community engagement activities. Members of the PCSP attended many community events to highlight their role as PCSP members and listen to community concerns around policing and community safety. They also took the opportunity at these events/meetings to distribute crime prevention items and literature.

A crime prevention information roadshow was held throughout July and August 2024. PCSP representatives, the local crime prevention officer and local neighbourhood policing officers hosted information stands across the Borough during the week commencing six in various supermarkets and in the Causeway Hospital. The high footfall of such locations meant that PCSP and PSNI were able to engage with many members of the public sharing crime prevention advice, information and practical resources (personal alarms, fraud rollers, RFID cards, Purse chains etc.).

In February 2024 in response to concerns for personal safety from members of the public, particularly women, the PCSP distributed personal alarms to groups and individuals whilst PCSP members attended many community meetings to help disseminate information and personal safety equipment.

As part of the Crime Prevention Project Causeway Coast and Glens Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) also held two crime prevention training sessions in Coleraine and online in January 2025.

The training sessions delivered by the Police Crime Prevention Academy offered residents of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough the opportunity to learn more about the Principles of Crime Prevention Principles, the appropriate security products for residential settings, how to carry out an effective home security survey and information on cold calling and current scams.





How much did we do?

10 PCSP of crime prevention events delivered including 2 crime prevention training workshops*

9 residents completed CPI crime prevention training.

18 NPT officers and PCSP staff completed SelectaDNA training.

1000+ crime prevention items issues

How well did we do it?

100% users felt that the event/training and equipment was useful.

100% participants found the training provided helpful.

Is anyone better off?

100% participants feeling safer as result of event and know how to access support services.

100% participants increased knowledge of the work of the PCSP.

100% participants more likely to report crime following event.

Strategic Objective 3 - to support community confidence in policing- includes the work carried out on the Policing Committee and a number of causeway wide campaigns.

PCSP £999 Grants

The PCSP small grants programme has been developed to provide organisations with up to a £999 grant to organise a project or event that will help prevent, reduce, address crime and help people feel safer in their own communities.

To encourage groups who have never applied for funding from PCSP, groups were asked to answer the following questions:

Q1 What is your project/event?

Q2 How will it help prevent, reduce, address crime and help people feel safer in your community?

By simplifying the bureaucracy, the Partnership received applications from across the Borough and for a wide range of events/projects

No. of applications received	46
No. of ineligible and unsuccessful applications	16
No. of successful applications	30
Total value/expenditure for grant programme	£ 29,507

NEW Group to PCSP	Group Name	Description	Funding Awarded
yes	Straidbilly PTA	2 x pupil & 1 x Parent Digital world sessions Wayne Denner Cyber expert Approx 100	£995.00
	Dervock & district Com Ass.	Art project to tidy village and stop graffiti	£990.00
	focus on family	3 x community safety training sessions	£990.00
	Bovalley com ass.	5 x community safety youth workshops re: risk taking behaviour	£999.00
yes	Dervock Young Defenders	project to tidy village assisting others older group	£990.00
	Causeway Sports Academy CIC	safety nets and shelter for Youth Sport diversionary 200 kids	£990.00
	Glenariffe improvement Group	4 x Community safety workshops food (40x4)	£980.00
yes	Portstewart Royal Blue Masonic Lodge 404	2 x crime prevention events 275 people	£999.00
	Ballyspallen Cricket Club	6 week sport diversionary for youth	£780.00
	Kilrea & District Ulster Scots	crime prevention event 25/2/25	£999.00
	Macosquin Village C.A	youth club equipment	£999.00

	Mossie Educational Rural & Cultural Society	2 x crime prevention events	£999.00
	Articlave D.Com .A	youth diversionary	£999.00
yes	Star of Sea Boxing Club Faughanvale	sports diversionary	£995.00
	Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural group	DV healing through art	£990.00
	BCRC	bystander intervention training	£885.00
yes	Balnamill little learners	people who help us	£995.00
	Mother Goose Playgroup	hi vis ditch the dark	£999.00
	Dalriada Training Services	youth diversionary through art	£999.00
	Mossie LOL 1173	assistance with security cameras	£999.00
	Coleraine Street Pastors	training and recruitment of volunteers	£975.00
	Friends of Castlecatt WMHA	gate to prevent asb in carpark and secure premises	£990.00
	Destined Ltd	keeping vulnerable adults safe at home and in community	£980.00
	The Glens Youth Club Cushendall	small items of equipment to attract youths to club	£999.00
	West Bann Development	crime prevention talks	£999.00
	Armoy PTA	visit to Stormont with NIPB talk, road safety quiz on bus trip and internet safety talk	£999.00
yes	Causeway Voluntary Action Trust	gate to prevent asb in carpark and secure premises	£999.00
	Ashes to Gold	3 family intervention events/sessions	£999.00
yes	Dunaghy Flute Band	youth intervention	£999.00
	St Mathew's GAC Drumsurn	youth intervention	£997.00
		Total funding provided to 30 groups within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.	£29,507

How much did we do?

30 of grants issued.

46 of applications

How well did we do it? Q4 reporting.

100% groups delivering their grant programme.

1656 of people engaged through the grant programme.

Is anyone better off?

100% groups showing positive outcomes.

89% groups reporting greater confidence in identifying and delivering community safety outcomes by themselves.

78% participants with increased confidence in PSNI following event

The 30 groups issued with a £999 grant produced the following results:

How much did we do?

77 of workshops/sessions/training/events/talks/outreach

1656 of participants at workshops/sessions/training/events/talks/engaged in outreach.

230 of Hi viz items distributed to local community.

33 of sport diversionary events/sessions/training

52 of youth diversionary events/sessions/training/talks/outreach

6 of security cameras funded to protect premises, users, property against ASB/Crime

1 of security lights funded to protect premises, users, property against ASB/Crime

6 of security equipment distributed to local community.

How well did we do it?

90% users feeling the service/event was useful.

100% of users who felt the equipment was useful.

90% of attendees satisfied with quality of event/training session.

80% of attendees of project who found PCSP members engagement useful at their event etc.

Is anyone better off?

89% participants feeling safer as result of workshops/sessions/training/events/talks/engaged in outreach.

78% participants increased knowledge of the work of the PCSP.

69% participants more likely to report crime following event.

100% increased knowledge in crime prevention

92% attendees with increased knowledge topics covered in the workshops/sessions/training/events/talks/engaged in outreach.

100% who learned about access to other supports.

90% of users who felt safer because of the equipment.

75% participants reporting learning new information.

60% of participants giving increased thought to the consequences of risk-taking behaviour.

50% of participants more likely to engage with the PSNI

78% of group members with greater confidence in identifying and delivering community safety outcomes/projects

28% participants with increased confidence in PSNI following event.

Dervock rolls up the sleeves



Paul, Joe and preparing the wall at Chestnut's old garage site, Greystone Crescent Dervock.

DERVOCK Young Defenders Flute Band recently took to the village as part of the Brushing Away Boundaries: Dervock Unites Against Graffiti project, offering some much-needed TLC to areas identified as problematic.

The entrance to Greystone Crescent, Dervock had become overgrown, dirty, and covered in graffiti—but has now been cleaned and painted, creating a fresh and welcoming entrance to the estate.

Approximately 15 volunteers took part, including young people from the Dervock Youth Network, some of whom are also members of the band. Their dual involvement highlighted strong local collaboration and a shared commitment to improving community spaces.

The area around the WWI mural at the Co-Corner, restoring it to a clean and respectful communal space. Discussions are now underway about the best approach to clearing the graffiti across from MacArthur Avenue.

Organisers would like to thank the PCF for providing the funding for this project and all the dedicated volunteers who took the time to support this valuable community effort.



Members of the Band and Network complete the task at hand.



Chestnut's old garage site, Greystone Crescent Dervock before and after maintenance.



ABOVE: WWI mural gets tidied and refreshed at the Co-Corner, Dervock. LEFT: Brushing up on ASB - band members paint over graffiti as part of the village clean-up project.



Aaron and Chrissy roll up their sleeves for painting.



Kal and David prepare the wall by cutting down overgrown shrub.

Ballyspallen Cricket Youth diversionary project

The sessions were well delivered and enjoyable confirmed by the fact 32 young people regularly attended.

It engaged young people in their life journey giving them a sense of belonging and a club to identify with. The project gave them something to look forward to whilst also reducing anti-social behaviour as the young people were off the streets thus avoiding peer pressure to drink, take drugs and join gangs.

It was great to see >32 young people from differing socioeconomic backgrounds, religions and gender mixing together and becoming friends. They worked well together in teams and everyone took turns at being captain. This would not have been possible

without funding from the PCSP. The young people and their parents were made aware that this was funded by PCSP.

The project worked well and was well attended. The young people developed new friendships and these sessions gave them an opportunity to maintain and grow these friendships and make new ones. Although the sessions were for young people, our volunteers vary by age, which helped improve intergenerational skills.

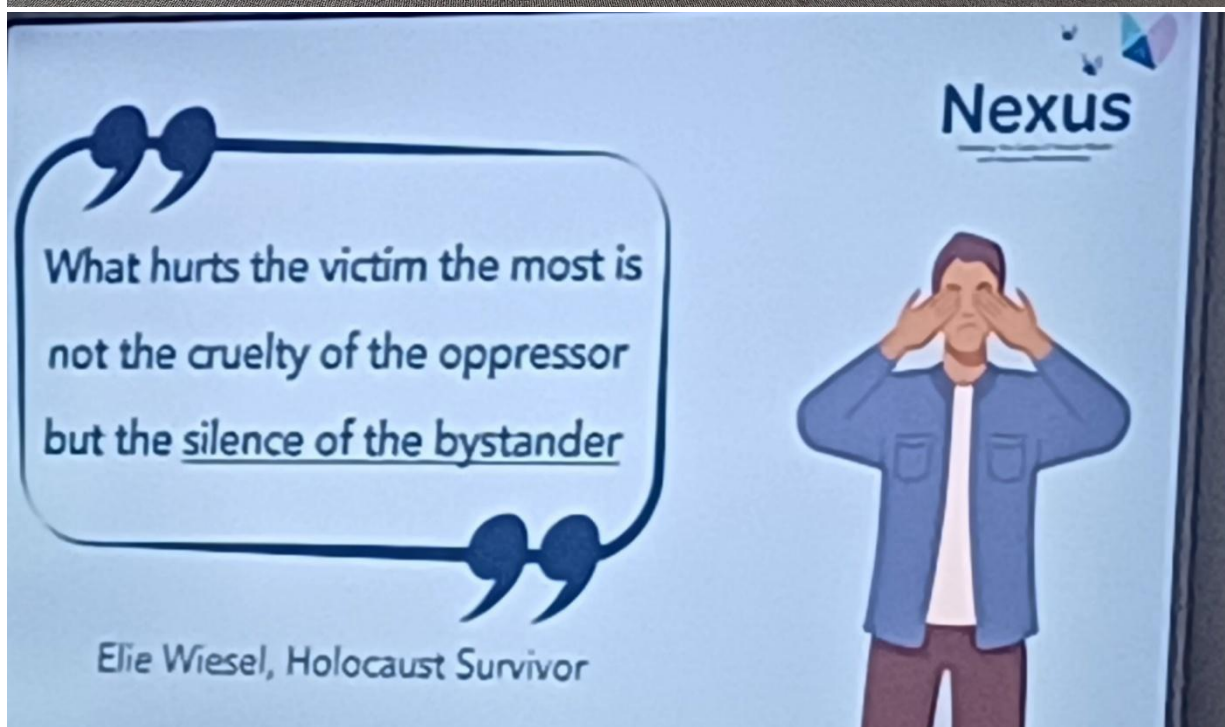
We would have liked to be able to provide more sessions, if more funding was available.



Building Communities Resource Centre (BCRC)

The issue of hate crime in our community in its various strands; disability, sectarianism, racism, homophobic, transphobic & faith is common as we know. It is a scourge in our community and results in fear and powerlessness for victims and witnesses.

The Bystander Intervention Training funded by Causeway PCSP provided participants with safe guidance on the 5 types of safe intervention that you can utilise in such situations.



The feedback from the training was testimony to the positive outcomes achieved:

"This was straightforward, showing how any of us might intervene as an active bystander, engaging those involved when negatively is taking hold of those around us."

"I found it so rewarding to know that if I witness something that I can actually make a difference."

"I am so grateful to BCRC for arranging a meaningful piece of training that I can carry with me and I can utilise if I see such a crime."

The participants wanted to learn more and the tutor provided the training in an easy-to-understand manner. We would most definitely arrange to have this training delivered again if we had further funding – elsewhere in the Causeway Coast & Glens area.

Mosside

Community safety talks with PSNI, NIFRS, PCSP staff and PCSP members with crime prevention officer Judith Laverty



Feedback from group:

“It’s been great to see some of the people contacting the fire service to get their free home safety checks done”.

“I have since had people contacting me about some issues which they felt they couldn’t ask the PSNI in public, since I have been able to get them the answers to their questions.”

Portstewart Regeneration and Cultural Group

Healing Through Art: A Creative Arts Project for Survivors of Domestic Violence

PCSP Elected member visit by Cllr Mark Fielding:

“I visited the Cromie Hall on Thursday 24th April at 7.00pm to view the completed artwork by a member of the Portstewart Regeneration and Cultural Group.

11 women participated in the artwork sessions which were conducted by artist JB McAuley.

There were 18 paintings on display, a number were of local scenes of Causeway Coast area.

The participants would trace them by pencil onto a canvas, then paint, and I understand they did not feel restricted by time. The anonymity of the women allowed the participants who have experienced domestic violence, to converse and support each other in a private setting. I was impressed by the paintings on display and can appreciate how this artwork project can provide a therapeutic experience for all involved."





Friends of Castlecatt War Memorial Hall

“Castlecatt War Memorial Hall is located in a very rural area surrounded by fields and adjacent to a road which has little passing traffic to act as a deterrent should anyone wish to commit a crime such as criminal damage, trespassing or indeed use the area for the purposes of anti social behaviour. The installation of a new gate at the entrance of the car park will help secure the car park and prevent unauthorised access to the building. This will help to make visiting vehicles safer whilst their owners are attending events in the hall. A new gate will also allow us to secure the building and car park area preventing access to any unauthorised vehicles from entering. Securing the car park will also ensure that people from the community will feel safer as they will know that the site the hall is located on isn't accessible to people / vehicles therefore reducing the 'draw' of the hall for people who may want to commit criminal damage, trespassing or indeed use the area for the purposes of anti social behaviour.”



Articlave District Community Association

Youth diversionary project with creation of Youth club nights.

Feedback:

“It was fantastic to work with such a wonderful bunch of kids from the local area, interact with them and teach them new skills and watch friendships form at the same time.”

“The project overall was a massive success and the only thing we possibly would change would be higher funding to enable us to run this for a longer time frame.”

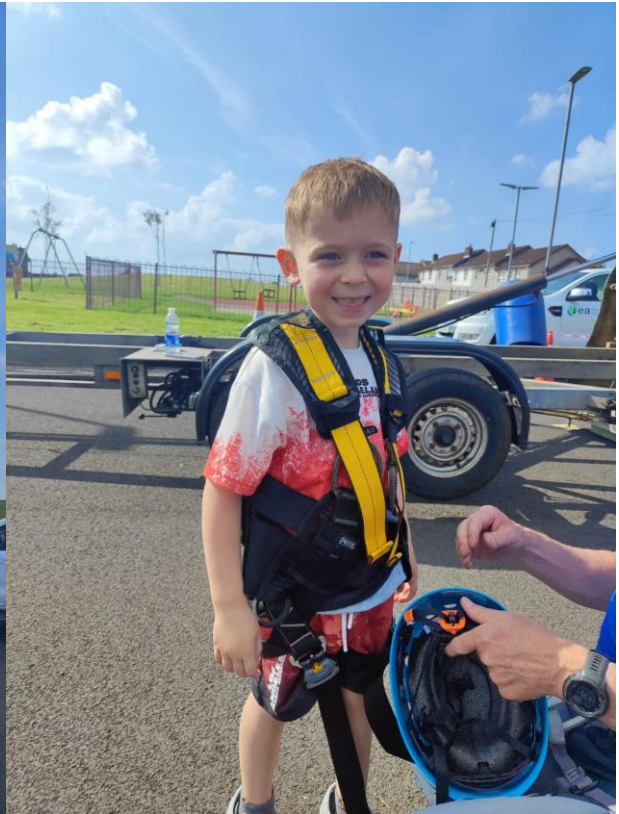


Confidence in Policing

We are currently working with the PSNI to increase awareness and also confidence in policing. Over the year we had 12 Policing Committee meetings, a number of community consultations (surveys, public mtgs & community consultations) and 4 community events. We hope to develop this work in 2025/26 to help improve policing for everyone.

Partnership working with fire service, PSNI, Education authority Youth services, NIHE and residents, PCSP funded two community events, with the PSNI & agencies arranging talks/engagement sessions with the residents of the Dhu Varren Estate, and surrounding areas in Portrush.





How much did we do?

4 of grants issued.

4 of applications

How well did we do it?

100% groups delivering their grant programme.

800 of people engaged through the grant programme.

Is anyone better off?

100% groups showing positive outcomes.

100% groups reporting greater confidence in identifying and delivering community safety outcomes by themselves.

Dhu Varren residents, because of these events, are now working with Council and NIHE to form a constituted Dhu Varren Community group so they can avail of other funding opportunities for themselves.

Policing Committee

The Policing Committee met monthly to monitor police performance. The Committee ensured that local views were being taken into account when producing the Policing Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens area. Community views were received in the following ways:

- PCSP Members
- PCSP Meetings
- Social Media
- PCSP Events and projects as indicated above
- Neighbourhood Watch Clinics
- Funding Roadshows
- Support Hub

Campaigns:

A number of campaigns have taken place throughout the year.

- Dangerous Driving on the beach
- Radio advert promoting the work that CC&G PCSP do in the council area.
- Domestic violence campaign, Social Media Campaign
- Drink and Drug Driving radio advert and Social Media Campaign
- 'Speeding' Social Media Campaign
- 'Using your mobile phone while driving'
- 'Awareness of Agricultural vehicles on our roads'
- Cyber Safety.



Text Alert Scheme

Text Alert continues to expand Borough wide. It is a free service available to anybody aged over 18 years of age who is a resident of, or has property located in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. Community safety information is sent by a PSNI Officer or PCSP staff to a registered member of the scheme via a SMS text message to their mobile phone. The information will be specific to the area where they live, or relevant to their type of business or where they have property located e.g. a caravan on

the coast. Residents of towns and villages for example may like to receive quick and up-to-date information if there has been a spate of break-ins or thefts in their locality, or if there is known bogus callers in the area, or if a traffic collision has caused a road closure.

Text Alert is an important addition to the community safety services that are provided. It is a simple but very effective way of sharing information. (To join the scheme, you must first complete a registration form and provide the mobile number through which you would like to receive community safety text messages. Follow link to register - <https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/live/policing-and-community-safety-partnership/pcsp-text-alert-scheme> or to obtain a registration form please use contact details at the back)

PCSP and Community Planning

Planning is one of the key responsibilities of local government and it requires Council ‘... to initiate, maintain, facilitate and participate in community planning Community for its district.’ The purpose of community planning is to develop a long-term vision and plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough area and all its citizens based on thorough analysis of needs, priorities and opportunities to address them.

As the key delivery mechanism for Community Safety, the following two initiatives are included in the Delivery Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan 2017 – 2030: Cyber Safe and Support Hub.

Quarterly updates are produced for the Community Planning Department and are available on request.

Recorded Crime and Crime Outcomes - April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Causeway Coast & Glens Published 15 May 2025	Police recorded crime				Sanction outcomes (number)		Sanction outcomes (rate, %)			Sanction Outcomes Rate, %
Crime type	Apr'23- Mar'24	Apr'24- Mar'25	change	% change	Apr'23- Mar'24	Apr'24- Mar'25	Apr'23- Mar'24	Apr'24- Mar'25	% point change	Plus/Minus 1.9%
VICTIM-BASED CRIME										Minus 2.0% and above
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	2,718	2,419	-299	-11.0	775	731	28.5	30.2	1.7	Plus 2.0% and above
Violence with injury (including homicide & death/serious injury by unlawful driving)	857	799	-58	-6.8	305	273	35.6	34.2	-1.4	
Violence without injury	1,151	984	-167	-14.5	369	317	32.1	32.2	0.2	
Stalking & Harassment	710	636	-74	-10.4	101	141	14.2	22.2	7.9	
SEXUAL OFFENCES	245	247	2	0.8	40	38	16.3	15.4	-0.9	
ROBBERY	18	11	-7	-	4	4	22.2	36.4	14.1	
Robbery of personal property	18	8	-10	-	4	2	22.2	25.0	2.8	
Robbery of business property	0	3	3	-	0	2	-	66.7	-	
THEFT OFFENCES	1,350	1,122	-228	-16.9	375	273	27.8	24.3	-3.4	
Burglary	256	169	-87	-34.0	28	33	10.9	19.5	8.6	
Theft from the person	7	10	3	-	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Vehicle offences	119	99	-20	-16.8	37	24	31.1	24.2	-6.9	
Bicycle theft	28	28	0	-	2	1	7.1	3.6	-3.6	
Shoplifting	485	419	-66	-13.6	267	182	55.1	43.4	-11.6	
All other theft offences	455	397	-58	-12.7	41	33	9.0	8.3	-0.7	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	952	831	-121	-12.7	188	157	19.7	18.9	-0.9	
OTHER CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY										
DRUG OFFENCES	355	410	55	15.5	294	314	82.8	76.6	-6.2	
Trafficking of drugs	67	56	-11	-16.4	34	38	50.7	67.9	17.1	
Possession of drugs	288	354	66	22.9	260	276	90.3	78.0	-12.3	
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	53	52	-1	-1.9	24	29	45.3	55.8	10.5	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	64	73	9	14.1	36	45	56.3	61.6	5.4	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	253	214	-39	-15.4	93	84	36.8	39.3	2.5	
TOTAL POLICE RECORDED CRIME	6,008	5,379	-629	-10.5	1,829	1,675	30.4	31.1	0.7	

Outcomes include charge/summons, cautions (adult and juvenile), community resolutions (previously termed 'discretionary disposals), penalty notices for disorder, offences taken into consideration and indictable only offences where no action was taken against the offender (died before proceedings or PPS did not prosecute).

Sanction outcomes include charge/summons, cautions (adult and juvenile), community resolutions (previously termed 'discretionary disposals), penalty notices for disorder and offences taken into consideration. The sanction outcomes presented in this table are counted based on the date the outcome was administered/applied to the crime, regardless of when the crime was recorded; the outcome rates represent the number of outcomes recorded in each time period expressed as a percentage of the number of crimes recorded in each time period.

'-' indicates that for offences recorded a percentage change is not reported because the base number of offences is less than 50, and that for offences detected a detection rate cannot be calculated as there were no offences recorded.

PCSP Financial Statement (pending verification)

2024/25

CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Changes to budget less than 20% £	Revised Budget Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Actual Expenditure 2024/25 £	Expenditure Accrued £	Total Expenditure to date £	Q1 Payment Apr - Jun £	Q2 Payment Jul - Sep £	Q3 Payment Oct - Dec £	Q4 Payment Jan - Mar £	Total Payments to date £
Salaries	46,651.60	-934.00	45,717.60	45,717.60	0.00	45,717.60	11,662.90	11,662.90	11,662.90	10,728.90	45,717.60
Running Costs											
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00	4,358.50	2,141.50	6,500.00	0.00	1,662.93	1,631.35	3,205.72	6,500.00
Members Mileage	4,000.00	-800.00	3,200.00	524.02	0.00	524.02	0.00	91.37	432.65	0.00	524.02
Staff Mobiles	500.00	0.00	500.00	117.34	0.00	117.34	0.00	0.00	117.34	0.00	117.34
Service Level Agreement	10,000.00	1,734.00	11,734.00	11,734.00	0.00	11,734.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,734.00	11,734.00
Insurance	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-total running costs	26,000.00	934.00	26,934.00	16,733.86	7,141.50	23,875.36	-	1,754.30	2,181.34	19,939.72	23,875.36
Total Administration	72,651.60	-	72,651.60	62,451.46	7,141.50	69,592.96	11,662.90	13,417.20	13,844.24	30,668.62	69,592.96
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP ENGAGEMENT	38,605.00	1,634.00	40,239.00	40,577.86	0.00	40,577.86	343.65	8,296.15	12,326.50	19,611.56	40,577.86
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Tackling Local Level ASB programme	37,000.00	1,656.58	38,656.58	44,400.00	0.00	44,400.00	864.56	6,782.87	5,270.00	31,462.57	44,400.00
Educational Safety Programme	18,000.00	(180.00)	17,810.00	17,810.00	0.00	17,810.00	0.00	0.00	17,810.00	0.00	17,810.00
Domestic Abuse Programme	49,000.00	(230.00)	48,770.00	48,500.00	0.00	48,500.00	0.00	5,500.00	11,500.00	31,500.00	48,500.00
initiatives are under Vulnerabilities in the											
Protecting Vulnerable Residents programme	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cyber Programme	20,000.00	(4,000.00)	16,000.00	16,487.72	0.00	16,487.72	459.00	5,375.00	600.00	10,053.72	16,487.72
Protecting Vulnerable Residents programme	78,000.00	9,504.43	87,504.43	80,854.43	0.00	80,854.43	1,931.20	7,766.47	38,390.37	32,766.39	89,854.43
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing											
Grant programme	50,000.00	(8,375.01)	41,624.99	41,974.99	0.00	41,974.99	0.00	14,222.00	11,076.40	16,676.59	41,974.99
Total Operational	290,605.00	-	290,605.00	290,605.00	-	290,605.00	3,598.41	47,942.49	96,973.27	142,090.83	290,605.00
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	363,256.60	-	363,256.60	353,056.46	7,141.50	360,197.96	15,261.31	61,359.69	110,817.51	172,759.45	360,197.96
Meeting Expenses	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	6,906.62	-	6,906.62	-	1,552.08	6,854.54	(1,500.00)	6,906.62
OVERALL TOTAL	377,256.60	-	377,256.60	359,963.08	7,141.50	367,104.58	15,261.31	62,911.77	117,672.05	171,259.45	367,104.58

Certificate of Chief Executive Officer

I am satisfied that the expenditure shown has been wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by the Council on the local Policing and Community Safety Partnership and that the grant receivable from the Joint Committee is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.

Chief Executive Officer

Date

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