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Tackling Crime

DOWN District Command Unit

District Policing Partnerships







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
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Section 1) Progress in achieving targets in DOWN District Policing Plan for 2005/2006

Domain: Reducing crime					
Objective: 2.0 To reduce crime.					
Performance Indicator: 2.1 The total number of crimes.					
Performance Indicator: 2.2 The number of domestic burglaries.					
Performance Indicator: 2.3 The number of vehicle crimes.					
Performance Indicator: 2.4 The number of violent crimes.					
Performance Indicator: 2.5 The number of criminal damage offences.					
Performance Indicator: 2.6 The number of thefts.					
LPP Target	Apr-Jun 05/06	Apr-Jun 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.1.1 To continue to reduce the number of crimes	1050	1085	-3.2%		
2.2.1 To continue to reduce the number of domestic burglaries	53	60	-11.7%		
2.3.1 To continue to reduce the number of vehicle crimes	73	125	-41.6%		
2.4.1 To continue to reduce the number of violent crimes	299	297	+0.7%		Many violent crimes are alcohol related
2.5.1 To continue to reduce the number of criminal damage offences	264	307	-14.0%		
2.6.1 To continue to reduce the number of thefts	150	144	+4.2%		Items left unattended – OPPORTUNISTIC. Mobile phone thefts and other items left unattended.

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Domain: Investigating crime					
Objective: 4.0 To improve crime investigation and increase detection					
Performance Indicator: 4.10 The number of drugs seizures					
LPP Target	Apr-Jun 05/06	Apr-Jun 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.10.1 To increase the number of drug seizures.	47	28	+67.9%		Greater use of Intelligence-Led Policing.

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Domain: Promoting public safety


Objectives:

5.0 To deal with anti-social behaviour in a way that improves the quality of life



6.0 To improve road safety.

Performance Indicator: 5.3 Anti – social behaviour hotspots identified through the use of National Intelligence Model

Performance Indicator: 6.2 The number of detections for excess speed offences in areas with high incidence of injury collisions and also areas subject to local complaint.

LPP Target	Apr-Jun 05/06	Apr-Jun 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.3.1 To monitor the range of National Intelligence Model products actioned through the District Tasking Meetings in respect of identified anti-social behaviour hotspots					24 products (7 Problem Profiles, 5 Subject Profiles, 3 Market Profiles, 2 Network Analysis, 3 Tactical Assessments, 1 Strategic Assessment, 3 Briefing Packs)
6.2.1 To increase the number of detections for excess speed offences.	145	23	+530.4%		<p>These figures are from April-August (inclusive) as these are the only figures available</p> <p>Local Officers have been trained for the ultra-light laser (21 trained in District)</p>

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Domain: Resource usage					
Objective: To improve organisational effectiveness and efficiency.					
Performance Indicator: 7.5 The percentage of custody and bail cases processed within administrative time limits.					
LPP Target	Apr-Jun 05/06	Apr-Jun 04/05	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
7.5.1 To process 85% of custody cases within 90 days	88.9%				These figures are from April-August (inclusive) as these are the only figures available The target for both is to process 85%
7.5.2 To process 85% of bail cases within 110 days.	100%				

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Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets set out in the DOWN District Policing Plan

LPP Target	Initiative	Impact
<p>2.1.1 To continue to reduce the number of crimes</p> <p>2.2.1 To continue to reduce the number of domestic burglaries</p> <p>2.3.1 To continue to reduce the number of vehicle crimes</p> <p>2.4.1 To continue to reduce the number of violent crimes</p> <p>2.5.1 To continue to reduce the number of criminal damage offences</p> <p>2.6.1 To continue to reduce the number of thefts</p> <p>4.10.1 To increase the number of drug seizures.</p>	<p>'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' initiative for the summer months</p> <p>Op Habit = Letters sent out by Crime Prevention Officer to owners of vehicles who leave items on view</p> <p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Focus on persistent offenders and hot-spot patrolling – Focused Policing</p> <p>Crime prevention advice given to locations identified as being at risk</p> <p>Communication with pubs/bars to promote responsible drinking to reduce the number of alcohol related crimes</p> <p>Ring Round scheme so premises can warn each other or Police about trouble makers.</p> <p>Community Beat Team working with stores to issue advice (posters, leaflets and advice given e.g. thefts from the workplace)</p>	<p>Continual Business Improvement – Developing a culture of ongoing improvement - identifying Critical Success Factors and Key Performance Indicators (the Local Policing Plan).</p> <p>“The most significant and universal cause of crime is opportunity. If there were no opportunities there would be no crimes” (Launching Crime Science, Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science, Professor Gloria Laycock, 2003) – the impact of many initiatives is to educate the public to remove the opportunity for the crimes.</p> <p>From Home Office Website (http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/ppo):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of total offenders are responsible for around 50% of all crime • 0.5% of total offenders are responsible for around 9% of all crime <p>Therefore the impact of focusing on habitual offenders will be an impact in reducing crime</p>

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<p>6.2.1 To increase the number of detections for excess speed offences.</p> <p>7.5.1 To process 85% of custody cases within 90 days</p> <p>7.5.2 To process 85% of bail cases within 110 days.</p>	<p>Speed trailer purchased</p> <p>More monitoring of files to ensure that they are in on time</p>	<p>Increasing public knowledge regarding speeding.</p> <p>Both targets are currently being met.</p>
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Section 3) Summary of recorded crime and clearance rates within the DOWN District Command Unit

Crimes Recorded & Cleared by the Police Down							
	Recorded Apr-Jun 05/06	Recorded Apr-Jun 04/05	% Change	Cleared Apr-Jun 05/06	% Cleared Apr-Jun 05/06	Cleared Apr-Jun 04/05	% Cleared Apr-Jun 04/05
1. Offences against the person	277	275	0.7%	128	46.2%	131	47.6%
2. Sexual offences	17	16	6.3%	5	29.4%	8	50.0%
3. Burglary	132	152	-13.2%	5	3.8%	23	15.1%
Domestic burglary	53	60	-11.7%	1	1.9%	8	13.3%
4. Robbery	5	6	-16.7%	1	20.0%	2	33.3%
5. Theft	223	269	-17.1%	26	11.7%	31	11.5%
Theft from motor vehicles	36	85	-57.6%	1	2.8%	2	2.4%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	37	40	-7.5%	6	16.2%	5	12.5%
6. Fraud and forgery	54	17	217.6%	47	87.0%	8	47.1%
7. Criminal damage	264	307	-14.0%	45	17.0%	59	19.2%
8. Offences against the state	14	6	133.3%	4	28.6%	4	66.7%
9. Other notifiable offences	64	37	73.0%	36	56.3%	44	118.9%
Violent Crime (classes 1, 2, & 4)	299	297	0.7%	134	44.8%	141	47.5%
Total Crime	1050	1085	-3.2%	297	28.3%	310	28.6%

Please note that 2005/06 figures are provisional and may be subject to revision.

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Section 4) Additional Information

Emerging issues identified by the DCU through the NIM process

- 1) Thefts of items left unattended – opportunity for the thief
- 2) Thefts from vehicles – unlocked doors / items left on view - opportunity for the thief
- 3) Domestic Burglaries – one of the main M.O.'s is to enter via an unlocked door or open window - opportunity for the burglar
- 4) Violent Crimes – A large proportion are alcohol related

Section 5) Policing with the Community

Initiative	Impact
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being promoted by Community Safety Partnership, the PSNI and the DPP	12 accredited schemes, 2 new applications.
Crime Prevention Officer and Community Beat Team Officers visit all victims of domestic burglary	To reassure victims, give out prevention advice to attempt to prevent repeat burglaries.
Case Programme delivered to primary and post primary schools	Educating the adults of the future – impacting on crime levels in the future.
4-change project	Allocated funding of £20,000 by the Cross Border Community Safety Network in support of a pilot project to tackle anti-social behaviour in Down District.

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Section 6) Community Safety Projects

Northern Ireland Community Safety Strategy/ DCU Safety Strategy	Initiative	Impact
Anti-Social Behaviour	Problem Profile created for briefing purposes to other agencies; Community Safety Manager involved in several meetings.	The Cross-Border Community Safety Network has secured funding of £20,000 to pilot an initiative addressing anti-social behaviour within Down District.
Bonfire Liaison Committee	Formalized agreements with local committees in Ballynahinch and Killyleagh to manage the bonfire sites during the run-up to the Twelfth. These arrangements are designed to help reduce tensions and other risks associated with celebratory bonfires. There was also a Bonfire Poster Competition.	Thanks to the preparation work done by the Bonfire Liaison Committee and sterling work on the ground by community representatives Down District had one of its quietest bonfire nights for many years. Over 500 entries for the poster competition.
Safer Mournes Partnership	Newcastle Sector Inspector involved with the partnership, Problem Profile created for briefing purposes to other agencies.	Creating a partnership approach for seasonal problems in Newcastle Sector.
Down Domestic Violence Forum	Domestic Violence Officer involved in the forum.	Multi-agency approach. Officers currently attending training course presented by DDVF.
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Letters delivered to promote the scheme.	12 accredited schemes, 2 new applications.

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CCTV	Community Safety Manager attended CCTV sub-committee of Community Safety Partnership to progress CCTV, Problem Profiles created identified specific locations.	Sustainable funding pledged by Down District Council. Still awaiting bidding guidance from Community Safety Unit, NIO.
Castle Ward Piping Festival	Community Safety, Roads Policing and Community Beat helped ensure the Castle Ward Piping Festival was a huge success and crime free for the 8,000 people who attended.	Many visited the mobile police station for crime prevention advice and engaged personally with police officers. Distribution of “Respect Difference” and “Mark UR Stuff” armbands proved very popular.
Community Safety Launch Week	Staff played a central role in hosting a number of events including a Domestic Violence seminar in Newcastle and a major youth event in Ballynahinch.	The road show, hosted by Women’s’ Aid and other agencies, visited various towns and villages to continue raising awareness of this important subject, while various youth issues including anti-social behaviour and attacks on Emergency Services were covered by the Ballynahinch event.
Local Summer Schemes	Staff took the opportunity to participate in local Summer Schemes working with young people.	Sessions included discussion / education on various personal and road safety issues and at the same time promoting a positive attitude to policing.

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