

DOWN DCU District Policing Partnership Brief

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**District Policing
Partnerships**

Local people shaping local policing

Tackling Crime

6-Month Report
Financial Year 2004/2005
Quarter 1 and Quarter 2

DOWN District Command Unit

District Policing Partnerships Brief

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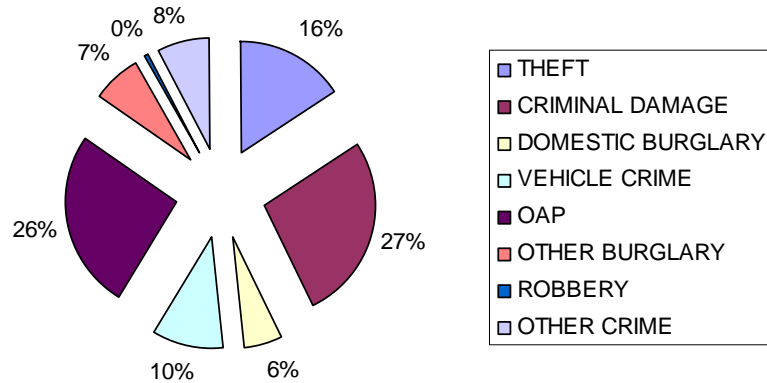
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Crime Problems: DOWN DCU

**BREAKDOWN OF CRIME IN DOWN DCU
BETWEEN 01/04/04-30/09/04**



DCU Performance against Policing Plan/Local Policing Plan crime targets.

CRIME TYPE	01/04/03-30/09/03	TARGET	01/04/04 - 30/09/04	AMOUNT REDUCED
THEFT	379	360	319	60
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	554	526	540	14
DOMESTIC BURGLARY	156	153	112	44
VEHICLE CRIME	266	245	208	58
OVERALL CRIME	2268	2155	2014	254
DETECTION RATE TARGET				
VIOLENT CRIME	58.50%	TARGET=55%	50.40%	

Overall Crime DOWN DCU

Overall crime level has decreased since the same period last year, from 2268 crimes between 01/04/03-30/09/03 to 2014 crimes between 01/04/04-30/09/04.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE / DECREASE IN CRIME

Top 3 crime types	Crimes this period	Comparison on last year
Criminal damage	540	↓ Less crime
Offences Against the Person	526	↑ More crime (1 crime extra)
Theft	319	↓ Less crime

CRIME TYPE	TARGET REDUCTION	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE
THEFT	5%	15.8% DECREASE
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	5%	2.5% DECREASE
DOMESTIC BURGLARY	2%	28.2% DECREASE
VEHICLE CRIME	8%	21.8% DECREASE
OVERALL CRIME	5%	11.2% DECREASE

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Policing Plan/Local Policing Plan Crime Targets

<i>THE PROBLEM</i>	<i>THE INITIATIVES</i>	<i>THE IMPACT</i>
<p>Vehicle Crime</p>	<p>Op Habit campaign to increase the public's awareness of how to avoid opportunistic thefts from vehicles -</p> <p>Letters sent out by Crime Prevention Officer to owners of vehicles who leave items on view</p> <p>High visibility patrols</p> <p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Focus on persistent offenders – Focused Policing</p> <p>Concentration on reporting abandoned vehicles</p> <p>Vehicle Check Points in hotspot areas</p> <p>Leaflets distributed by Traffic Branch on vehicle security</p> <p>Foot patrols in hotspot areas, especially car parks</p> <p>Case Programme delivered to primary and post primary schools</p>	<p>Increase in the public's awareness of how to avoid opportunistic thefts from vehicles</p> <p>Increase of intelligence in hotspot areas</p> <p>1st April 2003 – 30th September 2003: 266 crimes</p> <p>1st April 2004 – 30th September 2004: 208 crimes</p> <p>21.8% decrease in Vehicle Crime</p>

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THE PROBLEM	THE INITIATIVES	THE IMPACT
Domestic Burglary	<p>Good Neighbourhood Schemes (Community Watch) set up. Supervised by police personnel, with emphasis on the benefits to be gained by communities taking responsibility. Window stickers given out to all members.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme being promoted by Community Safety Partnership, the PSNI and the DPP. It is hoped that existing Good Neighbourhood Schemes will come under the umbrella of Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Focus on persistent offenders – Focused Policing</p> <p>Crime prevention advice given to locations identified as being at risk.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Officer and Community Beat Team Officers visit all victims of domestic burglary</p> <p>Smartwater initiative continues – made available to all victims of domestic burglary</p> <p>Information days for the elderly to be introduced with advice from different agencies and locks given out by the Police</p>	<p>Continual analysis has revealed a decrease in domestic burglaries in this period. Also illustrated the benefits of multi-agency partnerships in tackling community issues.</p> <p>Increase in the public's awareness of how to avoid opportunistic burglaries</p> <p>Increase of intelligence in hotspot areas</p> <p>1st April 2003 – 30th September 2003: 156 crimes</p> <p>1st April 2004 – 30th September 2004: 112 crimes</p> <p>28.2% decrease in Domestic Burglary</p>

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Criminal Damage	<p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Areas identified as hotspots for youths to gather & go on to cause damages to properties</p> <p>Multi-agency approach to reduce petty crimes amongst youths</p> <p>Communication with pubs/bars to initiate schemes to reduce the number of instances of excess alcohol</p> <p>Joint initiative with the District Council and Licensees - 'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' Initiative in Newcastle Town</p> <p>Case Programme delivered to primary and post primary schools</p>	<p>Increase of intelligence in hotspot areas</p> <p>'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' Initiative =</p> <p>37 persons reported to council for street drinking</p> <p>112 seizures of alcohol</p> <p>25.9% decrease in overall crime in Newcastle Town in August 2004 compared to August 2003</p> <p>1st April 2003 – 30th September 2003: 554 crimes</p> <p>1st April 2004 – 30th September 2004: 540 crimes</p> <p>2.5% decrease in Criminal Damage</p>

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<p>Violent Crime</p>	<p>Down Domestic Violence Forum (DDVF) has been re-launched and launch of directory of services for DDVF is on 28th September</p> <p>Community Beat Teams focused on removing alcohol from youths</p> <p>Pro-active measures against public order at weekends</p> <p>Focused patrols</p> <p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Joint initiative with the District Council and Licensees - 'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' Initiative in Newcastle Town</p> <p>Case Programme delivered to primary and post primary schools</p>	<p>A step forward in improving the quality of life for victims of domestic violence</p> <p>Increase of intelligence in hotspot areas</p> <p>'Chill Out Don't Pass Out' Initiative =</p> <p>37 persons reported to council for street drinking</p> <p>112 seizures of alcohol</p> <p>53.8% decrease in violent crime in Newcastle Town in August 2004 compared to August 2003</p> <p>25.9% decrease in overall crime in Newcastle Town in August 2004 compared to August 2003</p> <p><u>CLEARANCE RATES FOR VIOLENT CRIME</u></p> <p>1st April 2003 – 30th September 2003: 58.5%</p> <p>1st April 2004 – 30th September 2004: 50.4%</p>
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Theft	<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</p> <p>Analysis of What, When, Who, Where, Why, How the problem occurred for focused Policing</p> <p>Focus on persistent offenders – Focused Policing</p> <p>Crime Prevention advice issued to help focus on insecure and unattended property – opportunistic thefts.</p> <p>Anti-theft operations to combat Bilking (making off without payment from a petrol station), thefts from caravan sites and thefts from building sites</p> <p>Foot patrols in hotspot areas</p> <p>Partnerships with licensed premises to combat thefts of mobile phones – leaflets distributed by Crime Prevention Officer</p>	<p>Increase in the public's awareness of how to avoid opportunistic thefts</p> <p>Increase of intelligence in hotspot areas</p> <p>1st April 2003 – 30th September 2003: 379 crimes</p> <p>1st April 2004 – 30th September 2004: 319 crimes</p> <p>15.8% decrease in Thefts</p>

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Policing with the Community
Potential Problem-Solving Opportunities

Briefly outline the problem;

What can be done to address the problem?

PSNI	COUNCIL	DOE	HOUSING EXECUTIVE	OTHER AGENCY (SPECIFY)