



Making the Changes Making it Work

**THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NEWTOWNABBEY
DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP, PRESENTED IN
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Newtownabbey District Policing Partnership 2005/2006

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

As the current Chairman of the Newtownabbey District Policing Partnership (DPP), I am pleased to present the third Annual Report on the exercise of the functions of the DPP for the period 01 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

During the period a number of changes have taken place in that the term of office, of what could be termed the inaugural DPP, came to an end on 1 December 2005 with the reconstituted DPP taking office on 2 December 2006.

In terms of representation on the reconstituted DPP I am pleased to welcome Councillors Tom Campbell, Mandy Girvan and Victor Robinson to the Partnership along with new Independent members, Ms Paula Bradshaw, Ms Joanne Hamilton and Ms Audrey Murray. These new members join the elected members nominated by the Council and those Independent members who were re-elected. You will find details of these and the other re-elected members of the Partnership at Appendix A.

I would like to pay tribute to the contribution of all my colleagues who served on the first DPP, particularly those whose term of office was completed in 2005, I refer to Councillors Tommy McTeague, Vi Scott and Dineen Walker who along with Mrs Caroline Arnold, Ms Connie Thompson and Mrs Anita Watson played a pivotal role in establishing the DPP in the Borough.

I would also like to place on record the appreciation of Newtownabbey DPP to Superintendent Nigel Ritchie and his Deputy Chief Inspector Chris Shead who so readily listened to representations made by the DPP on behalf of the community and who embraced suggestions made to ensure policing was sensitive and responsive to the needs of the Borough. We in the DPP were greatly encouraged by both officers forthright and open manner and are sorry that they have left Newtownabbey - Superintendent Ritchie on retirement and Chief Inspector Shead on promotion to Thames Valley Police.

Although this has been a year of change I would want to emphasise that there has been no change in the commitment of this



DPP to play its full part in consulting with the community and representing their needs, fears and expectations to the Police commander and his officers. Nor is there any diminution of effort in working with the police and the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Generally we have witnessed a drop in most crime categories as you will see elsewhere in this report and this is encouraging. However it is disappointing that there has been an increase in the crime categories of: Assaults Against the Person, (increased by 14.36%), Robberies (increased by almost 25%) and Criminal Damage (increased by 7.36%), this has resulted in overall crime in the Borough increasing by almost half of one percent. This is a reversal of the trend experienced last year and is certainly an area that the DPP will be focusing on in the coming months. We will also continue to press the District commander to take appropriate steps to increase the number of crimes cleared as performance in this area falls below the Northern Ireland Average.

The challenge of reversing this crime increase, improving detection of crime and working with the community in preventing crime will be at the forefront of our endeavours in the coming months.

I commend this report to you assuring you of our best efforts to ensuring that Newtownabbey Borough is one of the safest areas in Northern Ireland in which to live, work and relax.

**Alderman Paul Girvan MLA
Chairman.**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S FOREWORD



Following recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Commission on Policing for Northern Ireland in 1999, District Policing Partnerships were established with the intention of providing a means for direct community involvement in policing. At the same time they were to contribute to the setting of police objectives and reinforcing the accountability of the local police commander to local communities.

Al Hutchinson, the Oversight Commissioner, whose task is to monitor progress on the 175 recommendations for policing reform contained in the above report, commenting in the 16th Policing Oversight Report (June 2006) said:

*'District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) were an important part of the Independent Commission's vision ... and the DPPs are functioning as intended'*¹.

I am confident that in Newtownabbey the District Policing Partnership has demonstrated its worth in creating greater transparency and accountability in the delivery of local policing. I am aware of the DPP's contribution to the establishment of policing targets and objectives at a strategic level, whilst at the same time doing much to resolve specific problems identified through widespread public consultation. This is how it should be and I appreciate the co-operation of those individuals, groups and agencies to the process. I am firmly convinced that when we see on one hand, the police working in partnership with the

community and on the other, greater community involvement in policing, much more can be achieved in resolving the problems that impact on community safety and well being. The DPP that completed its first term in December 2005 certainly shared this view and it has been interesting to observe the increase in confidence as it grappled with the issues encountered during this initial period.

I would pay tribute to all members of the inaugural DPP for their dedication and commitment and especially those members who completed their term of office. Together with the Chairman I welcome both new and reappointed members to the next term of office and wish the reconstituted DPP every success in the next three years. I am appreciative of the contribution of the members of Council who assisted with the selection and nomination of applicants for the position of Independent members of the DPP.

The Police Commander's Annual Report, (which is incorporated in this report), shows a small increase in overall crime for the financial year 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006. It is disappointing that the significant progress over the first two years of the DPP has plateaued, but realistically it will be difficult to maintain the level of crime reduction previously achieved since the formation of the DPP. This is not to say that current crime levels are acceptable, far from it, but it does mean that greater effort and commitment will be required to once more realise a decrease in crimes committed. In addition to working to reduce the level of crime in the Borough, detecting offenders presents the police commander and his team with a considerable challenge as progress in this area has not been as successful as it could and should be. Greater support from the community is necessary in providing information to help achieve this objective.

I wish the DPP every success in its endeavours in the year ahead.

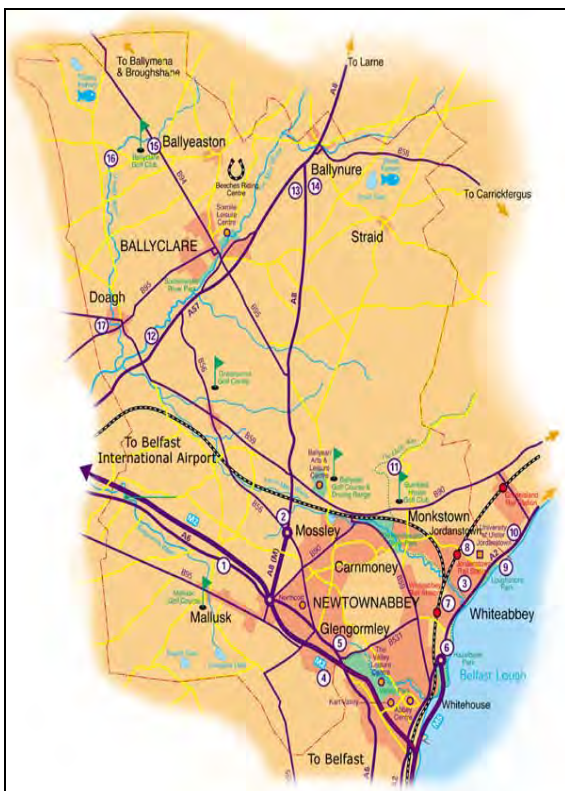
NORMAN DUNN
Chief Executive

¹ Office of the Oversight Commissioner. Report 16 – June 2006, p7

INTRODUCTION

Lying a short distance north of the city of Belfast on the shores of Belfast Lough, Newtownabbey is a tourist gateway to the beautiful nine glens of Antrim and the magnificent Antrim coast. With its prominent suburban position at the heart of Northern Ireland's business belt the area enjoys fast access to Northern Ireland's two main airports and ports by means of its first-class road and rail infrastructure.

Included in the Borough of Newtownabbey are the towns of Glengormley, Ballyclare and the villages of Ballyeaston, Ballynure, Carnmoney, Doagh, Glengormley, Straid, Whiteabbey and Whitehouse. The main centres of commerce outside the main towns are located at the Abbeycentre and Mallusk.



The local Police District boundary is coterminous with the Borough boundary. Police Stations are located at Shore Road, Whiteabbey (District Headquarters), Glengormley and Ballyclare. The current District Commander is Superintendent Will Kerr.

The DPP consists of 10 elected members and 9 independent members reflecting in total the community background and gender of the population in the Borough. (See appendix A)

Public Meeting of the DPP are held by-monthly and details advertised in the local press.

Private meetings are held monthly. (See appendix B re attendance by members)

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FUNCTIONS OF THE NEWTOWNABBEY DPP

By virtue of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, Section 16, the general functions of District Policing Partnerships are defined as:

- (1) The functions of a district policing partnership shall be-
 - (a) To provide views to the district commander for any police district which is, or is included in, the district and to the Board on any matter concerning the policing of the district.
 - (b) To monitor the performance of the police in carrying out-
 - (i) the policing plan in relation to the district; and
 - (ii) the local policing plan applying to the district or any part of the district.
 - (c) To make arrangements for obtaining-
 - (i) the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the district; and
 - (ii) the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime;
 - (d) To act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district; and
 - (e) Such other functions as are conferred on it by any other statutory provision.
- (2) In exercising its functions, a District Policing Partnership shall have regard to a Code of Practice under section 19.



SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

CONSULTATION TO IDENTIFY LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

A variety of methods were employed to identify the issues of concern in relation to policing in the Borough. These included:

Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) Survey

- This important survey was conducted in 2004 by NISRA. 2837 households in the Borough received questionnaires. (See overview at Appendix C). Respondents (28% of survey population) provided information concerning:
 - what they considered to be the current biggest problems in the Borough
 - what they considered to be the activities that the local police should be concentrating most resources on:
 - satisfaction with levels of policing in the Borough
 - knowledge/activities of DPP
 - confidence in police
 - crime prevention

Focus Groups

Rubicon Consultants conducted a series of Focus Groups with:

Young People; Senior Citizens and representatives from the business community. Issues identified included:

- perceptions of young people concerning anti-social behaviour; lack of amenities and, policing
- perceptions of senior citizens concerning crime; police visibility; sentencing; young people and, fear of crime.
- perceptions of business community concerning, youth causing annoyance; street lighting; underage drinking; police visibility/community policing and vandalism.

Meetings of the DPP in public²



The DPP held six meetings in public during the reporting period at various locations in the Borough. Issues raised by members of the public included:

² Minutes of Public Meeting available from DPP Manager or on website.

- Community policing/police visibility
- Young people causing annoyance/underage drinking
- Crimes against the elderly
- Burglaries and low clearance rates
- Traffic/parking problems/traffic calming
- Speeding
- Criminal Damage
- Paramilitary flags
- Concerns about police response



Meetings with specific groups

Meetings were held at schools and youth clubs with a focus on citizenship issues, consideration of leadership and influencing behaviour and development of inter-generational activities.

The manager and nominated members were actively involved in research and discussions leading to the formation of a Shadow Youth Council which will be established in the 2006/07 financial year.

A Business Breakfast was held to discuss crime, provide information and seek support from the business community to reduce crime.



Launch of DVD regarding security of Students at Queens and University of Ulster

A working lunch was held with clergy and representatives of the various churches in the Borough principally to discuss youth related problems and to challenge churches as to the contribution they can make to help resolve some of the difficulties.

Meetings with senior citizens

Meetings highlighted issues such as; attacks on the elderly, fear of crime and home security. A DVD was produced advising senior citizens on how to respond to unwanted and bogus callers. This was made available to groups in the Borough, the local PSNI Crime Prevention Officer and other DPP managers.

Other Meetings

The DPP was represented on a number of other community bodies which include; Community Voice, the Senior Citizen Forum, CPLCs, Road Safety Committees, Community groups etc. Participation in these groups provides a two way communication channel whereby the needs, fears and expectations of the community are

identified whilst at the same time the work of the DPP can be promulgated. Meetings between the manager and groups with specific problems were held leading to inter-agency working to resolve difficulties, for example with representatives of the NI Housing Executive, Roads Planning Service and Council officials.

PRIVATE MEETINGS

The Newtownabbey District Policing Partnership met 12 times in private during the reporting period. In addition to dealing with the routine business of the DPP and issues raised by members, the District Commander was present to brief members and to be questioned on issues relating to policing in the Borough and other strategic issues.



Private Meeting of DPP

A number of sub-committees met to discuss specific issues relating to finance, training and preparation of the Local Policing Plan.

The DPP received a delegation from Bosnia Herzegovina which was on a fact finding mission to Northern Ireland and which was interested in observing the interaction between a DPP and the local Police Commander.



DPP CHAIRMAN WITH HEAD OF BOSNIAN DELEGATION

SOURCE MAGAZINE

The DPP has been promoted through advertorial messages in the Council's Source magazine which is issued three times per year and delivered to every house and business in the Borough. Copies are also provided to relevant agencies, Government Departments and other partners that the Council works with. Advertorial messages have included; advice to senior citizens on home security, articles highlighting Anti-Social Behaviour and Elder Abuse.



ESTABLISHING POLICING PRIORITIES

Following the extensive consultation with the community the DPP used the information gleaned to contribute to establishing the policing priorities for 2006-2007.

To further advance this a number of workshops were held. Participants included members of Newtownabbey DPP, the Police Commander and his management team, head teachers, probation officers, community workers and representatives of the business sector. As a result of the total consultation process a number of issues and concerns were identified and prioritised.



- Improve the detection of offenders;
- Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and
- Reduce Road Traffic casualties.



District Commander presents Chairman of the DPP with copies of the Local Policing Plan.

A copy of the Local Policing Plan can be obtained from the Manager or by downloading from the DPP website: www.districtpolicing.com/newtownabbey.

Having regard to the information collated a sub-committee of the DPP met with the Commander to agree the priorities for the local policing plan 2006-2007. Taking into consideration all the information gathered together with the Commander's internal consultation and crime pattern analyses, the policing priorities for the Borough were agreed. These included;

- To build and sustain public confidence in the police;
- Reduce crime;

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MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE POLICE

As part of its function Newtownabbey DPP is required to:

- monitor the performance of the police in carrying out **the policing plan** in relation to the district; and
- the **local policing plan** applying to the district or any part of the district.
(Section 16 (1) (b) Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000).

In order to comply with this requirement the DPP required the District Commander to present a formal report every quarter at a DPP meeting in public. These reports highlighted the progress the police were making in the day to day discharge of their duties in the Borough and included; statistics relating to crime and traffic issues; information relating to police performance and any other matters of public concern. (See Appendix D)

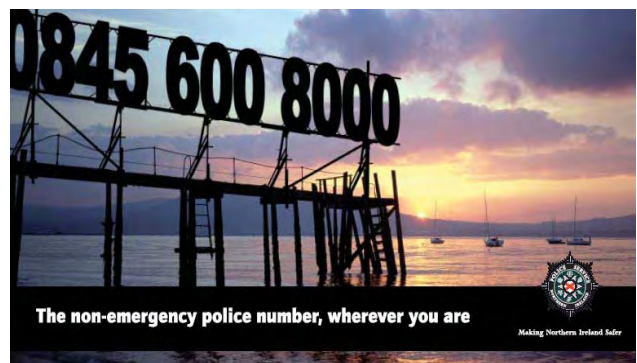


Furthermore, at the meetings in public, opportunity was provided for members of the public to raise issues and put questions to the District Commander concerning policing in the Borough.

In addition, the District Commander presented to the DPP, once every 6 months, a report which specifically permitted members of the DPP to assess police performance in the following areas:

- a) the steps that were being taken to progress policing with the community as the core function of all police within the Borough
- b) the contribution the police were making to any community safety projects within the Borough
- c) progress in achieving targets set out in the Local Policing Plan and the Annual Policing Plan
- d) progress in achieving targets relative to crime prevention in the Borough.
(See overview at Appendix E)

In response to this report the DPP put questions to the District Commander, particularly in areas where PSNI performance had failed to meet any target(s) set. The Police Commander was also questioned in relation to progress of any initiatives introduced to combat performance shortfalls or, specific areas of concern.



New police contact number 0845 600 8000

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Following a number of workshops the DPP developed a strategic plan to address the key issues identified through public consultation, analysis of crime trends and linkages with other bodies such as:

- The Community Safety Partnership
- Statutory organisations
- Voluntary organisations
- Community groups.

The main issues and challenges for Newtownabbey DPP have been identified as:

- Engaging local communities and local police to prevent crime
- Obtaining full community and political support for policing
- The review of Public Administration

To permit the DPP to address the strategic challenges anticipated in the period **2006-2009**, five overarching strategic objectives have been established. These reflect the five main areas of responsibility of the DPP, viz:

- Consulting the community
- Identifying local Policing priorities
- Monitoring local Police performance
- Engaging with the community to gain its cooperation with the police in preventing crime
- Acting as a general forum for discussion on matters concerning the policing the Borough.

These objectives will be progressed through obtaining and using efficiently the resources required to support the

DPP in fulfilling its statutory role and function.

To assist in the achievement of the strategic objectives the DPP has developed an Operational Plan which will be reviewed and amended as required annually.

A copy of the Strategic Plan is available from the DPP Manager or by downloading it from the DPP website: www.districtpolicing.com/newtownabbey.

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Members of the DPP developed the first of three annual Operational Plans setting out the Objectives, Targets and Performance indicators for year ahead. A copy of the Operational can be obtained from the DPP Manager or by downloading it from the DPP website: www.districtpolicing.com/Newtownabbey.

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FINANCE



Newtownabbey DPP has carried out its functions for the financial year 2005-2006 in accordance with the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000, ensuring adherence to:

- The requirements and standards of accountability for public expenditure.
- The conditions attached to the financial grant as outlined in the District Policing Partnership's Code of Practice.

(Statement of Receipts and Payments attached at Appendix F)

RECONSTITUTED DPP

A number of changes in terms of the constitution of the DPP took place in the reporting period due to:

- (i) Local Government Elections in May 2005 and
- (ii) The reconstitution of the DPP on the 2 December 2005.

The effects of these developments were that two elected members, Councillors Tommy McTeague and Councillor Vi Scott were not re-elected to the council and therefore by virtue of Paragraph 3(5)(c) of Schedule 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 ceased to hold office from the date of the local general election i.e. 5 May 2005.

In terms of independent members each member holds office until the day before the 'reconstituted date' of the DPP which is determined by the Northern

Ireland Policing Board. (Paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 as amended refers). Following the selection process for the reconstituted DPP which took effect from the 2 December 2005, the following independent members ceased to hold office, Mrs Carolyn Arnold, Ms Connie Thompson and Mrs Anita Watson. Councillor Dineen Walker was not reappointed as an elected member. Details of members appointed to replace the aforementioned persons and those reappointed to the DPP can be found at Appendix A.

TRAINING

Following the reconstitution of the DPP members were required to undergo training on a wide range of subjects. In addition a number of Briefing sessions were organised by the Policing board for Northern Ireland to provide members with as much information about the work and role of the Policing board, the Police Service of Northern Ireland and expectations of members of DPPs.

EQUALITY SCHEME

During the reporting period the DPP produced and submitted its draft Equality Scheme for approval by the Equality Commission. Members participated in workshops chaired by the N. I. Policing Board's Human Rights Advisors which, inter alia, were aimed at establishing best practice in relation to awareness of key issues and compliance with the Human Rights Act.

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MEMBERSHIP OF NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP

CAROLYN ARNOLD Is a Welfare Officer working in the community with a National Charity. *Ms Arnold completed her term of office in December 2005.*

Councillor JIM BINGHAM* has been a Councillor since 1993, welfare of the disabled and senior citizens is a main concern for him.

JOHN BLAIR* John is employed as a Civil Servant. He is a former local Councillor representing both Antrim Line and Macedon District Electoral Areas. He hopes to help continue the work of DPP which helps the community and police to work more closely together to enhance public safety and community spirit.

PAULA BRADSHAW, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Paula has a young family and lives in Jordanstown. She manages an urban regeneration company based in East Belfast.

Councillor TOM CAMPBELL, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Councillor Tom Campbell is an Alliance Party member of Newtownabbey Borough Council. He is a Solicitor by profession and a partner in the firm Campbell Stafford. He is married to a local GP, Paula, and they have a young son.

Councillor JANET CRILLY*, a former teacher Janet is in addition to constituency work is involved in inter-church activities.

Councillor BARBARA GILLILAND* has been a Councillor for 15 years. A keen environmentalist she is committed to ensuring, insofar as is humanly possible, that we safeguard our environment for future generations.

Councillor MANDY GIRVAN, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Councillor Mandy Girvan was elected to the Council in 2005 and represents the Antrim Line Electoral Area. She has a special interest in the wellbeing of people with disabilities, especially young people.

JOANNE HAMILTON, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Joanne is a fulltime legal secretary and a mother of two young daughters. Joanne is a former secretary of Rathfern Residents Association.

Alderman PAUL GIRVAN MLA*, is actively involved in a wide range of constituency issues for the whole Borough.

Alderman NIGEL HAMILTON* has taken a specific interest in policing issues and has served on and chaired a local Community and Police Liaison Committee.

Councillor JOHN MANN*, in addition to his constituency work, takes particular interest in the welfare of the elderly and disabled in the community.

GERRY MULLAN*, District Manager for Translink Service in Newtownabbey and is involved in a number of charity organisations.

AUDREY MURRAY, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Audrey Murray has been involved with a number of local community and youth projects within the Ballyclare area. She is employed as the Business Development Manager of LEDCOM and sits on the Board of Community Development Services, a local charity, the Board of Governors of East Antrim Institute of Further and Higher Education, the Board of the Social Enterprise Coalition UK and is Deputy Chair of the Social Economy Network in Northern Ireland.

MICHAEL McBRIEN*, a Community Psychiatric Nurse and long time Trade Union activist, Michael is the current chair of the Glengormley Community and Police Forum.

CAROL O'MALLEY* is chairperson of the Board of Trustees for NI Hospice Care and a member of the Board of Directors for the NI Social Economy Agency.

Councillor Victor Robinson

Councillor TOMMY McTEAGUE, a Councillor for over 14 years, he places community and welfare issues as a high priority. *Councillor McTeague completed his term of office in May 2005.*

Councillor VICTOR ROBINSON, *Appointed to the DPP on 2 December 2005*

Victor Robinson has lived in Newtownabbey most of his life. His professional background is in youth and community work and has spent the last 16 years working in the field of community development, for the Community Development Agency. Councillor Robinson's main areas of interest would be around youth development and community empowerment programmes.

Councillor VI SCOTT, The welfare of senior citizens is one of her priorities in addition to daily constituency work. *Councillor Scott completed her term of office in May 2005.*

CONNIE THOMPSON is the Manager of a Building Society office and her community interests have involved dealing with woman's issues. *Ms Thompson completed her term of office in December 2005*

Councillor DINEEN WALKER, She takes a specific interest in assisting her constituents with many and varied housing problems. *Councillor Walker completed her term of office in December 2005.*

ANITA WATSON Has been a volunteer in the NI Hospice Care, Somerton Road for over 13 years. *Ms Watson completed her term of office in December 2005.*

Councillor BILLY WEBB*, has been a Councillor since 1997. In addition to constituency work takes a particular interest in housing, environmental and community issues and is a Justice of the Peace.

PATRICIA (PAT) WEBB* is a member of the Newtownabbey Inter-Church Group, the Whiteabbey Hospital League of Friends a supporter of the N.I. Hospice and has a particular interest in youth issues.

KATHY WOLFF*, has been actively involved in a wide range of community initiatives for over 17 years

** Denotes members reappointed to the reconstituted DPP on 2 December 2005.*

APPENDIX B

NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP

Members Attendance at **Private Meetings** for period **1 April 2005-1 December 2005**

Maximum attendance = 8

NAME	Meetings attended	Percentage of attendance
Mrs Carolyn Arnold MBE	7	87.5%
Councillor Jim Bingham	7	87.5%
Mr John Blair	8	100%
Alderman Janet Crilly	8	100%
Councillor Barbara Gilliland	6	75%
Alderman Paul Girvan	6	75%
Councillor Nigel Hamilton	5	62.5%
Councillor John Mann	6	75%
Mr Gerry Mullan	6	75%
Mr Michael McBrien	5	62.5%
Councillor Tommy McTeague*	2	100%
Mrs Carol O'Malley	7	87.5%
Councillor Vi Scott*	2	100%
Mrs Connie Thompson	7	87.5%
Councillor Dineen Walker**	5	62.5%
Mrs Anita Watson	7	87.5%
Councillor Billy Webb	7	87.5%
Mrs Patricia Webb	7	87.5%
Mrs Kathy Wolff	6	75%

*Councillor not re-elected on 4 May 2005 therefore maximum number of possible meetings attended is 2

**Councillor not nominated by Council to sit on the Re-constituted DPP from 2 December 2005

APPENDIX B (Continued)

NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP

Members Attendance at **Public Meetings** for period **1 April 2005 – 1 December 2005**

Maximum attendance = 4

NAME	Meetings attended	Percentage of attendance
Mrs Carolyn Arnold MBE	4	100%
Councillor Jim Bingham	4	100%
Mr John Blair	4	100%
Alderman Janet Crilly	4	100%
Councillor Barbara Gilliland	3	75%
Alderman Paul Girvan	3	75%
Councillor Nigel Hamilton	3	75%
Councillor John Mann	1	25%
Mr Gerry Mullan	4	100%
Mr Michael McBrien	2	50%
Councillor Tommy McTeague*	0	-
Mrs Carol O'Malley	4	100%
Councillor Vi Scott*	0	-
Mrs Connie Thompson	1	25%
Councillor Dineen Walker**	0	0%
Mrs Anita Watson	3	75%
Councillor Billy Webb	4	100%
Mrs Patricia Webb	4	100%
Mrs Kathy Wolff	4	100%

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Re-Constituted membership of the NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP on 2 December 2005
Members Attendance at Private Meetings for period 2 December 2005-31 March 2006

Maximum attendance = 4

NAME	Meetings attended	Percentage of attendance
Councillor Jim Bingham	4	100%
Mr John Blair	4	100%
Ms Paula Bradshaw*	4	100%
Councillor Tom Campbell*	3	75%
Alderman Janet Crilly	4	100%
Councillor Barbara Gilliland	2	50%
Councillor Mandy Girvan*	4	100%
Alderman Paul Girvan	4	100%
Mrs Joanne Hamilton*	4	100%
Councillor Nigel Hamilton	3	75%
Councillor John Mann	3	75%
Mr Gerry Mullan	4	100%
Ms Audrey Murray*	4	100%
Mr Michael McBrien	4	100%
Mrs Carol O'Malley	3	75%
Councillor Victor Robinson*	3	75%
Councillor Billy Webb	4	100%
Mrs Patricia Webb	4	100%
Mrs Kathy Wolff	3	75%

*Newly appointed Newtownabbey DPP members on 2 December 2005 (re-constituted)

APPENDIX B (Continued)

Re-Constituted membership of the NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP on 2 December 2005
Members Attendance at **Public Meetings for period 2 December 2005-31 March 2006**
Maximum attendance =

NAME	Meetings attended	Percentage of attendance
Councillor Jim Bingham	1	100%
Mr John Blair	1	100%
Ms Paula Bradshaw*	1	100%
Councillor Tom Campbell*	1	100%
Alderman Janet Crilly	1	100%
Councillor Barbara Gilliland	1	100%
Councillor Mandy Girvan*	1	100%
Alderman Paul Girvan	1	100%
Mrs Joanne Hamilton*	1	100%
Councillor Nigel Hamilton	1	100%
Councillor John Mann	1	100%
Mr Gerry Mullan	1	100%
Ms Audrey Murray*	1	100%
Mr Michael McBrien	1	100%
Mrs Carol O'Malley	1	100%
Councillor Victor Robinson8	1	100%
Councillor Billy Webb	1	100%
Mrs Patricia Webb	1	100%
Mrs Kathy Wolff	1	100%

*Newly appointed Newtownabbey DPP members on 2 December 2005 (re-constituted)

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APPENDIX C

NISRA SURVEY 2004 – OVERVIEW OF REPOSSES NEWTOWNABBEY

Number of addresses sampled	Replies Received	Response Rate
2837 (2850)*	788 (959)*	28% (34%)*

Response by Gender	Male %	Female %	Not answered %
	45 (48)*	49 (50)*	7 (2)*

Response by Age	16-24 %	25-40%	41-60%	61 + %	Not answered %
	2 (1)*	24 (22)*	38% (38)*	35 (37)*	2 (1)*

Response by Religion	Protestant %	Roman Catholic %	Other %	None %	Not Answered %
	74 (71)*	15 (17)*	3 (3)*	4 (6)*	4 (3)*

* 2003 RESPONSES

What do you feel are currently the biggest problems in your District council Area?

Young People Causing Nuisance; Domestic Burglary; Underage Drinking; Paramilitary Activity; Vandalism; Flags and Emblems.

What activities do you think police should be concentrating most resources on?

Beat/Foot Patrolling; Prompt Response to Emergencies; Investigating Crime; Crime Prevention; Increased Involvement with Young People.

How satisfied are you with policing in your District Area?

Very Satisfied/Satisfied 27%; Neither Satisfied or dissatisfied 25%; Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied 47%.

How satisfied are you with the levels of foot patrols in your district?

Very Satisfied/Satisfied 7%; Neither Satisfied or dissatisfied 30%; Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied 73%.

How satisfied are you with the levels of vehicle patrols in your district?

Very Satisfied/Satisfied 19%; Neither Satisfied or dissatisfied 36%; Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied 42%.

Have you heard of District Policing Partnerships?

Yes 69%; No 26%.

Do you think your local DPP is doing a good job?

Yes 11%; No 13%; Don't know 74%.

Q12. How confident are you that your local DPP is helping address local policing problems?

Very Confident/CONFIDENT 29%; Not Confident 64%.

How Confident are you that membership of your local DPP reflect your District council Area (In terms of religion, gender, age etc)?

Very Confident/CONFIDENT 37%; Not Confident 52%.

Are you prepared to contact your local DPP regarding local policing?

Yes 47%; No 17%; DON'T Know 33%.

Do you know who the members of your local DPP are?

Yes 11%; No 80%.

Do you know how to contact your local DPP?

Yes 15%; No 78%.

Have you been in contact with the PSNI in the last 12 months?

Yes 36%; No 63%.

If yes, were you treated in a courteous and professional manner?

Yes 79%; Neither yes or no 11%, No 9%.

How likely do you feel that you will be a victim of crime in the next 12 months?

Highly Likely/Likely 28%; Neither Likely or Unlikely 50%; Unlikely or Very Unlikely 19%.

"I am confident that the police will catch most of the persons who commit crime in Newtownabbey Borough".

Strongly Agree/Agree 12%; Neither Agree or Disagree 22%; Disagree/Strongly Disagree 64%.

"The police need to do more to deal with anti-social behaviour".

Strongly Agree/Agree 91%; Neither Agree or Disagree 6%; Disagree/Strongly Disagree 1%.

"The police cannot deal with anti-social behaviour by themselves."

Strongly Agree/Agree **79%**; Neither Agree or Disagree **10%**; Disagree/Strongly Disagree **10%**.

"Crime Prevention is not the responsibility of the police alone."

Strongly Agree/Agree **79%**; Neither Agree or Disagree **9%**; Disagree/Strongly Disagree **10%**.

"I would personally be willing to become involved in crime prevention activities such as Neighbourhood Watch Schemes."

Strongly Agree/Agree **42%**; Neither Agree or Disagree **30%**; Disagree/Strongly Disagree **23%**.

**NEWTOWNABBEY DISTRICT COMMAND
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DISTRICT COMMANDERS

REPORT



Tackling Crime

Newtownabbey District Command Unit

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Summary of Crime in Newtownabbey DCU During the period April 2004 – March 2006

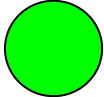
Notifiable Offences Recorded and Percentage Cleared by Class of Crime									
Newtownabbey : FYTD 01 April 2005 - 31 Mar 2006									
Last Updated : 31 May 2006 18:30:38									
	FYTD Recorded	PFYTD Recorded	% Change Recorded	FYTD Cleared	PFYTD Cleared	% Change Cleared	% Cleared FYTD	% Cleared PFYTD	
1. OFFENCE V PERSON	1250	1093	14.36%	555	521	6.53%	44.4%	47.67%	
2. SEXUAL OFFENCES	67	97	-30.93%	28	20	40.00%	41.8%	20.62%	
3. BURGLARY	615	771	-20.23%	54	60	-10.00%	8.8%	7.78%	
Domestic Burglary	346	423	-18.20%	35	30	16.67%	10.1%	7.09%	
4. ROBBERY	126	101	24.75%	10	13	-23.08%	7.9%	12.87%	
5. THEFT	1217	1350	-9.85%	145	238	-39.08%	11.9%	17.63%	
VEHICLE CRIME *	346	399	-13.28%	27	38	-28.95%	7.8%	9.52%	
6. FRAUD AND FORGERY	242	270	-10.37%	44	52	-15.38%	18.2%	19.26%	
7. CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1605	1495	7.36%	167	143	16.78%	10.4%	9.57%	
8. OFFENCES V STATE	34	33	3.03%	14	19	-26.32%	41.2%	57.58%	
9. OTHER NOTIFIABLE OFF	144	65	121.54%	83	50	66.00%	57.6%	76.92%	
DRUG TRAFFICKING	12	8	50.00%	10	7	42.86%	83.3%	87.50%	
DRUGS NON-TRAFFICKING	55	44	25.00%	35	30	16.67%	63.6%	68.18%	
TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES	67	52	28.85%	45	37	21.62%	67.2%	71.15%	
TOTAL ALL CLASSES	5300	5275	0.47%	1100	1116	-1.43%	20.8%	21.16%	
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES (1,2 &4)	1443	1291	11.77%	593	554	7.04%	41.1%	42.91%	
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME (3,5 & 7)	3437	3616	-4.95%	366	441	-17.01%	10.6%	12.20%	

* Vehicle Crime includes theft from vehicle and theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle (including attempts).

DCU Policing Plan Targets

Domain: Reducing Crime

Objective: 2.0 To reduce crime

District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.2.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 2%	346	423	-18.20%		High levels of VCP's being carried out. A substantial number of arrests of prolific burglars have been made. Proactive bail checks being carried out on a regular basis. Additional daytime patrols deployed.
Initiative				Impact	
<p>Vehicle Check Points at night on arterial routes are carried out on a regular basis. These act as a highly visible deterrent and disrupt the activity of travelling criminals.</p> <p>The Police Analyst continues to produce a monthly Tactical Assessment document enabling the efficient deployment of resources in hotspot areas. Tactical assessments provide officers with invaluable information, enabling them to gain a better knowledge of where and when domestic burglaries are taking place. As a result of this process a sudden increase in the number of daytime burglaries was identified. This necessitated a change in the tactics being used to combat burglaries at the time.</p> <p>Response and sector officers carried out additional daytime patrols and the Proactive Policing Unit carried out intelligence led covert operations, which led to the arrest of the suspect.</p>				<p>Significant reductions in burglary and domestic burglary achieved during the first six months of the financial year were maintained during quarter three. However analysis of crime patterns revealed a sharp rise in domestic daytime burglaries during November. Overt and covert intelligence led operations led to the apprehension of a known burglar who was subsequently charged with 5 daytime burglaries and one theft. Searches carried out at the time led to the recovery of a substantial amount of stolen property.</p> <p>Levels of this type of burglary showed significant reductions during December, January and February. March however showed a marked increase in the number of 'Creeper' burglaries occurring in the DCU.</p> <p>During the period 1st April to 31st March 2006 Officers made 46 impactive arrests for burglary.</p>	

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Due to the increase in 'Creeper' burglaries the issue was highlighted in the local media.
('Creeper' burglaries are burglaries where the criminal enters a house for the purpose of stealing car keys and subsequently the family car.)
One method used by criminals is to fish out keys through the letterbox by using a pole or similar object. Unfortunately only too often keys are left on hall tables or hanging up in full view.
With this in mind, leaflets highlighting the problems and providing crime prevention advice were drawn up in a joint effort between members of the local Fora and PSNI. The leaflets were distributed in identified 'hotspot' areas again with the invaluable assistance of members of the local Fora

Research and intelligence are used to identify burglary suspects. Officers can access this information via an electronic briefing system.

Smartwater property marking kits are offered to all victims of domestic burglary. These kits enable recovered property to be easily identified and traced to source. Thanks to sponsorship from Honda UK, every member of the Farm Watch initiative was offered a Free Smartwater Kit.

All victims of domestic burglary are issued with letters offering them the opportunity of having a free domestic survey conducted by the Crime Prevention Officer.
In addition to the free domestic survey the Crime Prevention Officer has, throughout the financial year delivered presentations on target hardening, personal safety, and bogus callers to Club members, Church and Senior Citizens groups.

The distribution of the leaflets appears to have contributed to public awareness in the 'hotspot' areas and made it harder for the opportunist criminal. There has been a significant reduction in the numbers of 'creeper' burglaries occurring in these areas.

As a result of computerised briefings, Officers on the ground have a better knowledge of suspects in the DCU and are therefore able to submit specific intelligence reports. This helps build an intelligence picture of the main suspects.

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News releases are distributed to the local press on a weekly basis highlighting burglary trends and providing crime prevention advice.

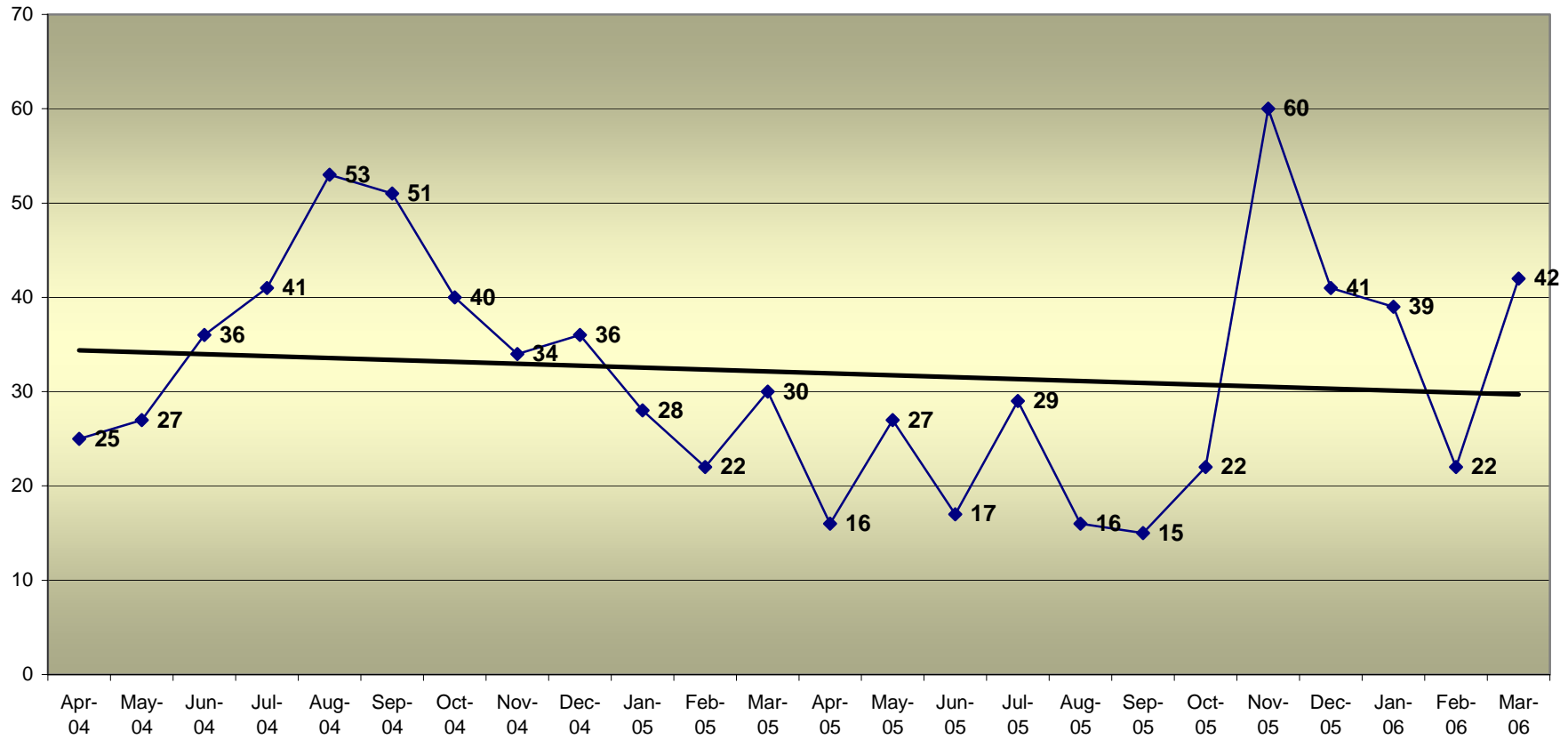
The Volume Crime Team have been actively pursuing all DNA and Fingerprint hits relating to burglaries

Proactive bail checks being carried out on a regular basis.

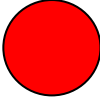
Proactive bail checks have proven to be an invaluable tool in the fight against crime and have lead to the arrest or disruption of known burglars in the area.

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Domestic Burglary



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District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.4.1 To reduce the number of violent crimes	1443	1291	11.77%		Civil unrest during reporting period.

Initiative	Impact
<p>The DCU continues to detail a High Visibility Community Safety patrol every Friday and Saturday night. This consists of a minimum of 5 officers supervised by a sergeant. This patrol provides extra resources to deal with any potential disorder that may arise and is briefed in accordance with current analytical analysis of problem hotspots.</p> <p>3 problem profile documents have been prepared by the analyst in relation to Assaults across the DCU.</p> <p>Three presentations were given to international students at UUU. These presentations provided students with an overview of Newtownabbey District, highlighted personal safety and provided general crime prevention advice.</p> <p>The 'Bee-Safe' project at Ballyearl Leisure centre which proves to be such a success last year was again repeated in 2006</p> <p>Maximum use of fingerprint/DNA hits and CCTV evidence are used in relation to violent crimes, particularly robbery.</p> <p>The Video Identification Unit became operational on 01/08/05. One full time constable has been dedicated to this unit. (The work of this unit contributes to the detection of other crime types also)</p> <p>The Video Identification Officer acts as liaison for CCTV in the council.</p>	<p>Analytical analysis is used to ensure that maximum use is made of all available resources.</p> <p>Resources allocated to the Community Safety Patrol is the subject of continual review and may increase in response to the prevailing situation at any particular time.</p> <p>The assaults Profiles identified the hotspots, peak times, times of year as well as a profile of those who are most likely to be victims of assaults in the DCU. Each profile lead to changes in the deployment of the public order patrols as well as additional and in turn more in depth profiles on the subject.</p> <p>Additional problem profiles were then prepared where initial peaks were seen in the original profiles for example at Halloween and Christmas.</p> <p>The Video unit is now fully equipped with the</p>

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Community Safety officers have established an Ethnic Minorities Working Group which consists of members of the Indian Community, The Council of Good relations, The Community Safety partnership and PSNI. The purpose of the group is to develop a welcome pack for ethnic groups who are moving into the area to work and to live.

The Good relations working Group made up of interested parties including PSNI have been formed to discuss and hopefully resolve the issues that gave rise to the problems in October at the Blessing of The Graves Ceremony in Carnmoney Cemetery. The groups remit has been expanded to include all community and race relations issues across the borough.

A series of vehicle Hijacks was identified in January. A Comparative Case Analysis was carried out by the analyst, which led to an operation being put in place.

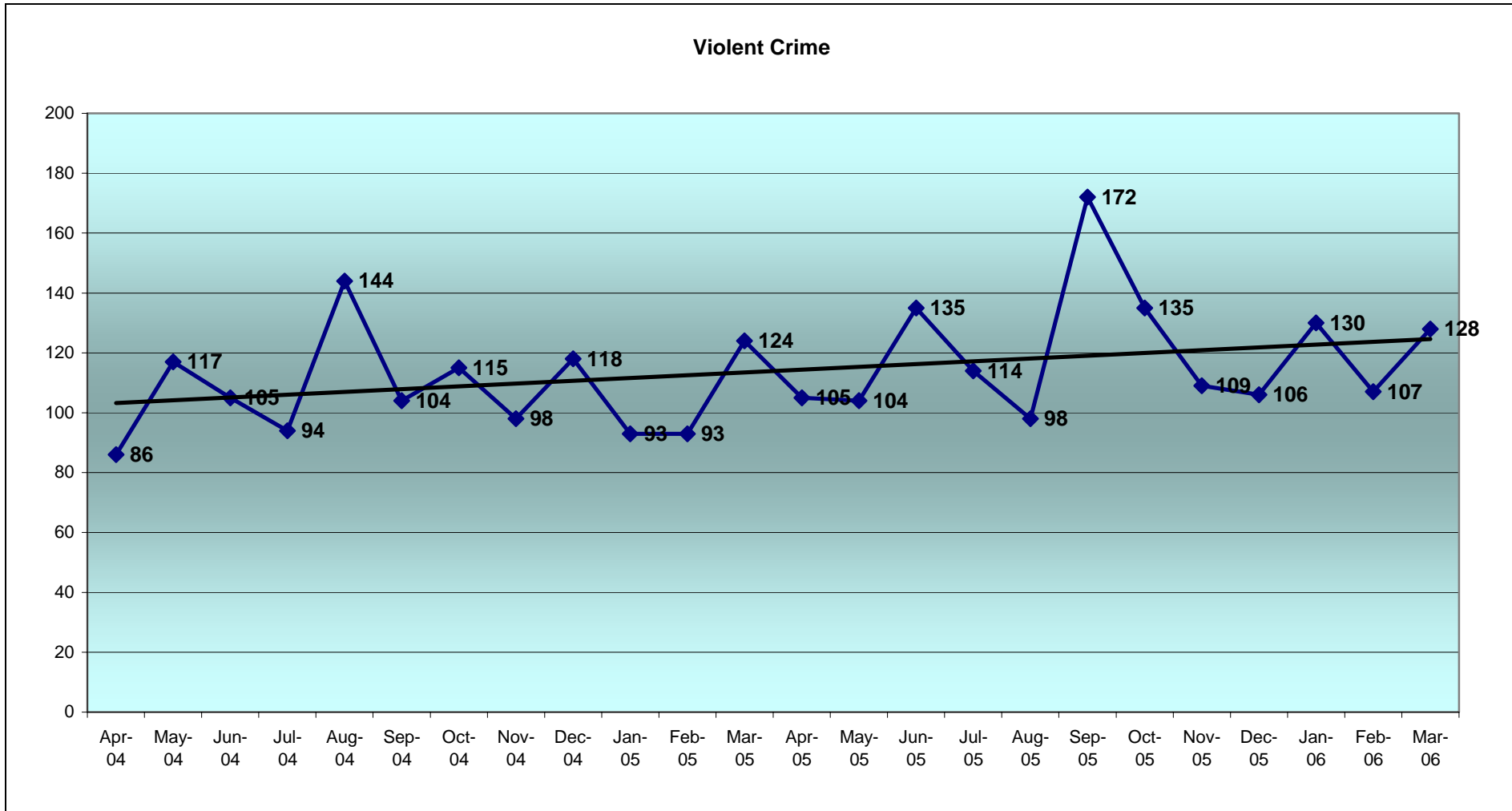
latest technology and is spearheading efforts to identify offenders through CCTV footage.

Since the operation no hijackings of a similar nature have occurred.

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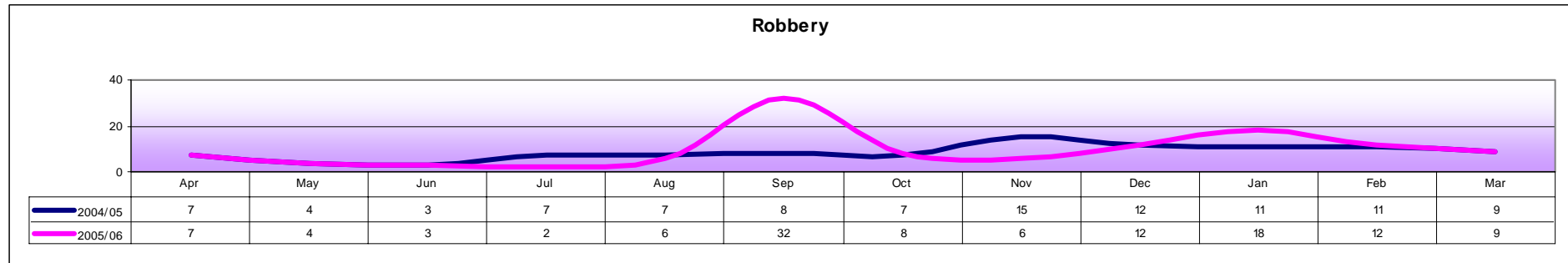
Actions Planned	<p>Dedicated patrols will continue to use analysis to identify hotspots and peak times in an effort to reduce disorder in the DCU.</p> <p>The Bee Safe week will be run as an annual event in the DCU.</p> <p>The Domestic Violence Officers are pro-actively identifying repeat victims and offenders and making follow-up calls in an effort to prevent further incidents. A database is being set up in the DCU to identify repeat offenders. This will help officers to make an informed decision in cases that might warrant police intervention even in the absence of a complaint.</p> <p>In February 2006 Newtownabbey was identified by the Crime Advisor and the Media Department as one of the DCUs that would therefore benefit from an advertising campaign relating to knife crime. Analysis was carried out to identify where the advertising campaign posters would have the biggest impact i.e knife crime hotspots – Campaign to be run in partnership with Newtownabbey Borough Council who will supply a site for a receptacle for the knives.</p> <p>The DCU is currently preparing a bid with the Community Safety Partnership as part of Community Safety Partnership Initiative to have more CCTV cameras for the DCU. If successful these cameras should help to bring down the level of violent crime incidents in addition to reducing other crime types.</p>
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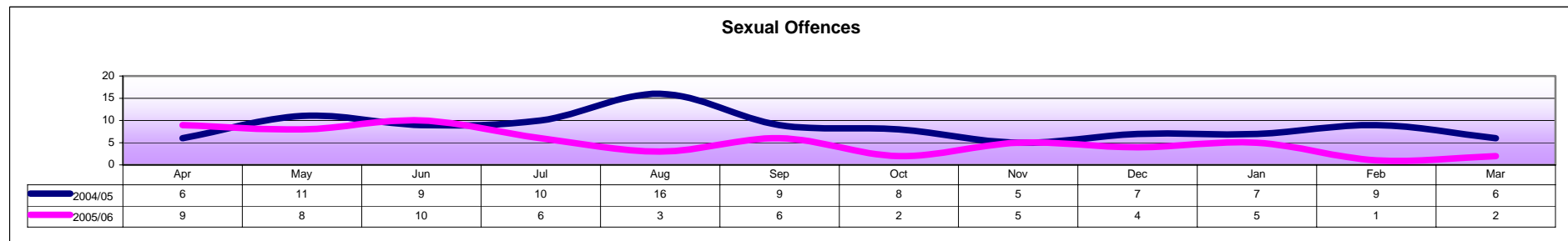
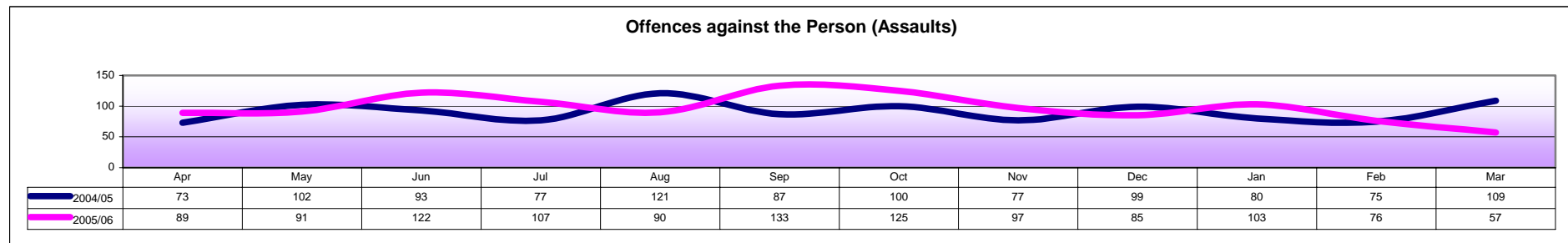


***Violent Crime includes Offences Against the Person (assaults), Sexual offences and Robberies**

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
22 hijackings during 10th and 11th September contributed to an increase in robberies this year.



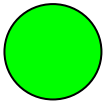
The reduction in sexual offences during 2005/6 was mainly due to a ‘flasher’ having been apprehended in 2004/5.

Domain: Investigating Crime

4.0 To improve crime investigation and increase detection

District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.1.2 To increase the overall crime clearance rate by 2%	20.8%	21.16%	-1.43%		
Initiative			Impact		
Prompt action taken with regard to DNA and fingerprint hits. Control strategies continue to be updated as part of the ongoing National Intelligence Model process within the DCU. This crime model focuses on intelligence, including analysis to assist in the efficient deployment of resources in the fight against crime.			It is anticipated that the implementation of the control strategies, will lead to better service delivery and crime investigation		

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District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.3.2 To monitor and increase the effectiveness of locally initiated intelligence led proactive anti drugs operations	Drugs seized to 31 st Mar = 6,778.10 gm Cannabis Resin, 370.07 gm Herbal Cannabis + 77 plants + 6 joints + 909gm Amphetamine Powder +16 MDMA tablets Drugs seized same period PFY = 2319.5 gm Cannabis resin +274 gm Herbal Cannabis + 118 plants + 2 joints + 9gm Amphetamine Powder + 1gm Cocaine Powder + 7 MDMA tablets				Maximum use is being made of all available intelligence in order to maximise the efficiency of planned operations
Initiative				Impact	
Drugs awareness programme delivered to schools. New Mossley Festival – Drugs and Crime Prevention presentation (Sector involved). Presentations made to 90 teachers in August in Glengormley High School and also youth clubs in relation to Drugs. Presentation on drugs made to 90 persons attending a young persons seminar at Knockagh Lodge in December. Full implementation of the National Intelligence Briefing Model to aid the flow of drugs intelligence to officers				Increased quantities of drugs seized during this financial year. In this financial year 65, intelligence led proactive anti drugs operations were carried out, compared with 58 in the same period last year. 28 persons arrested for drugs (Saturn figures) during this financial year compared to 18 for the same period during the last financial year 25 persons charged with drugs offences during this financial year compared to 20 during the same period during the last financial year.	

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Newtownabbey's Proactive Policing Unit continue to spearhead the fight against illegal drugs in the DCU

One intelligence led operation resulted in search of dwelling – 137 gm of Cannabis Resin and £600 cash recovered. One arrest for Possession of Class C drug with intent to supply

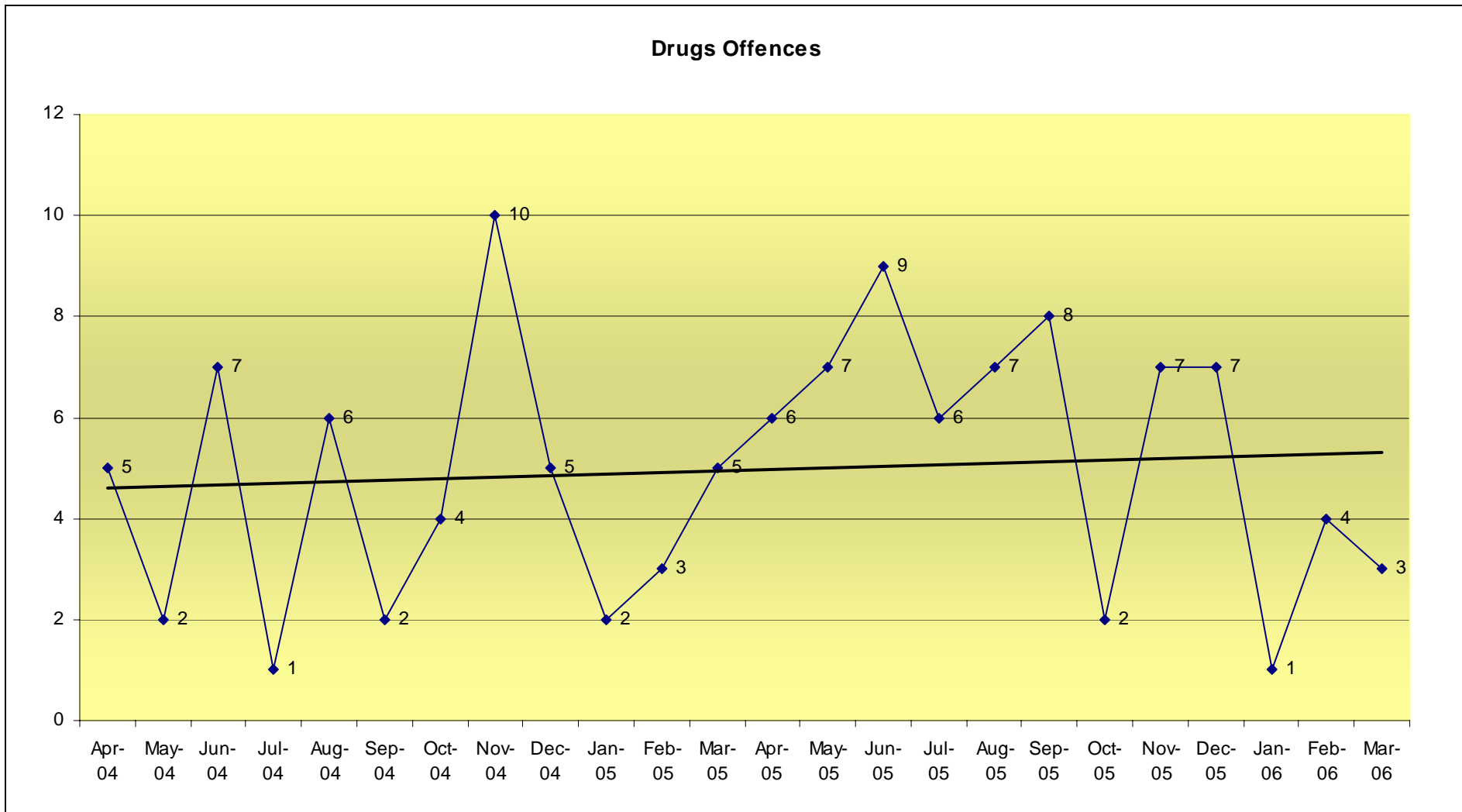
Following a drugs find a search resulted in the seizure of 8 x 250 gm bars of Cannabis Resin – value £10,000, 642 gm base Speed – value £13,500. 3 arrests were made for Possession of Class B drug and Class C drug with intent to supply.

On 2 December the Proactive Policing unit searched a residential property in Carnmoney on receipt of Crimestoppers information. As a result a cannabis factory was uncovered. 43 plants were seized with a street value of £21,500; 82 grammes of cannabis resin with a street value of £410 and 304 grammes of herbal cannabis with a street value of £3040. A large quantity of cultivation equipment, a vehicle and £1000 in cash were seized. Three males were arrested for production and possession of a class 'C' drug with intent to supply.

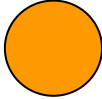
In November 2003 the Proactive Policing Unit made the first PSNI seizure of cash under the proceeds of Crime act 2002

At the Confiscation hearing in June 2005 an order was made for the forfeiture of £9,585.– this money has gone into the public purse.

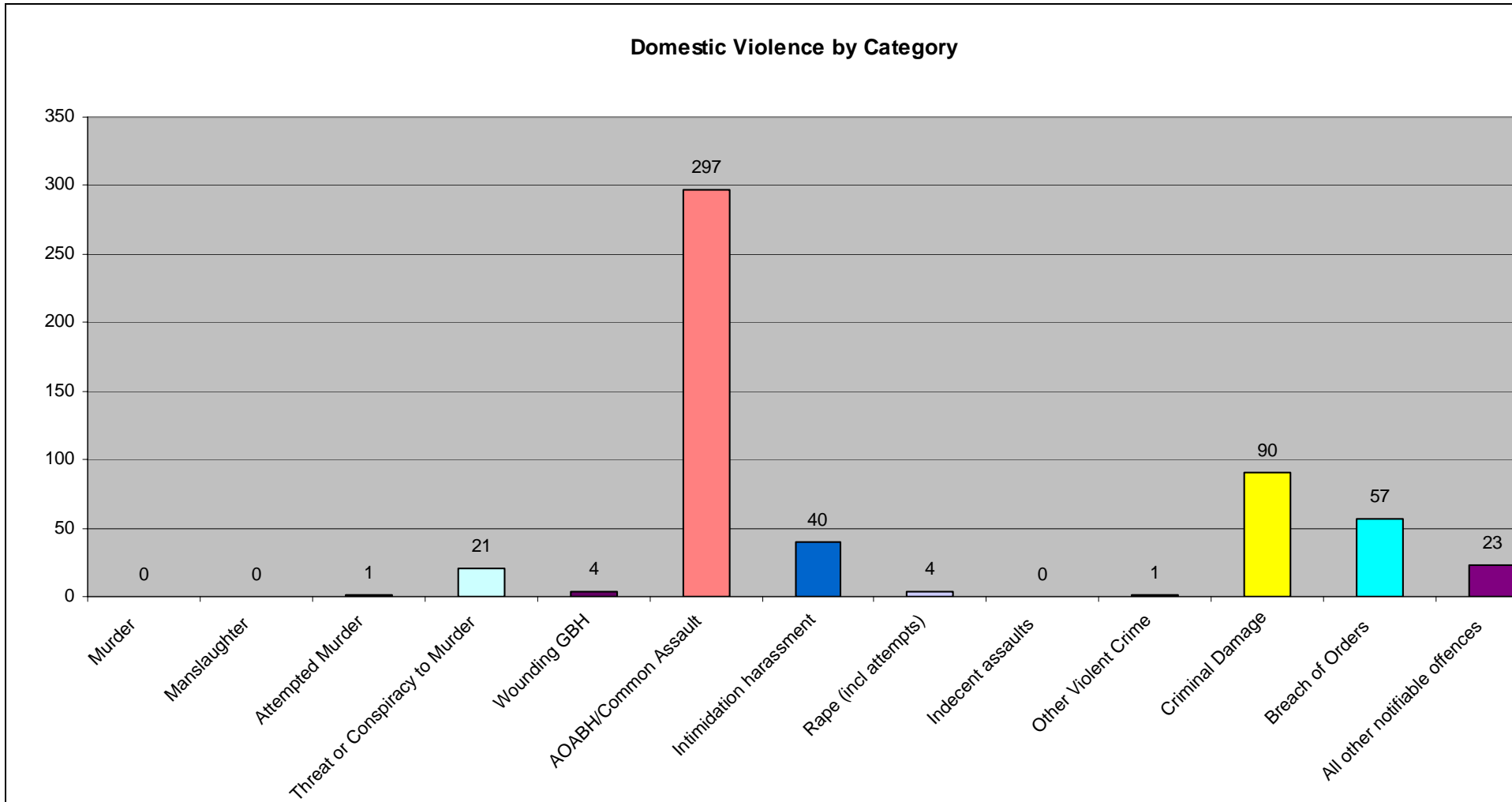
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District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.7.1 to increase the clearance rate for domestic violence offences	70.9%	72.7%	-1.8%		
Domestic Incidents/Domestic Violence Offences April 2005– March 2006					
Total Number of Domestic Incidents					
2004/2005	2005/2006		Change		% Change
863	973		+110		+12.7%
Total Number of Alcohol Related incidents	386		Referrals to Social Services		62
Number of repeat Incidents	234				
Total Number of Offences Recorded					
2004/2005	2005/2006		Change		% Change
395	481		+86		+21.8%
Total Offences Cleared			% Clearance Rate		
2004/5	2005/6	2004/5	2005/6	Change in % points	
287	337	72.7%	70.1%	-2.6%	

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Figures in the above chart include non –molestation orders which were counted as offences under the Home Office Counting Rules from 1st April 2005

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Persons charged	Persons Reported	Arrests
57	48	97
Victims		
Female	Male	Child
71	30	7

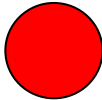
Newtownabbey DCU is fourth highest in Urban Region in terms of the numbers of domestic violence offences reported. Officers in the DCU provide an investigative service and work closely with support groups such as Women's Aid and others including local councillors and DPP members to encourage the reporting of this type of offence.

This DCU has been the first to adopt a policy of reporting persistent violent offenders when appropriate even without a complaint from the victim.

Newtownabbey DCU has benefited from the support of the District Policing Partnership and arrangements have been made to hold a Public Meeting purely focused on the issue of Domestic Violence.

Domain: Promoting public safety

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

District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.3.2 To reduce the number of incidents of criminal damage by targeting crime in identified anti social behaviour hotspots	1605	1495	7.36%		Covert and overt operations implemented. Levels increased during September.
Initiative				Impact	
<p>Police from the DCU Sector teams Participated In a N.E.E.L.B. organised cross-community summer camp for 14 - 20 year olds in Newcastle Co. Down. A total of 56 young people for the Newtownabbey and Carrickfergus areas took part. The purpose of the summer camp was to develop relationships between young people of different cultural, religious and social backgrounds. Police became involved in the project from a community relations perspective. Three of our local youth clubs took part in this year's camp, New Mosley, Mill Green and Grange.</p> <p>Problem profiles were carried out by the Analyst, which identified links between YCA, Criminal Damage and Assaults in the DCU.</p> <p>Macedon Sector personnel organised a day where football coaches from Liverpool Club came to the DCU and coached local youths from the area. This was a cross community event.</p>				<p>From 1st April to 31st December 802 referrals were made to the Youth Diversion Office. 447 related to Offences and 355 to non-offences.</p> <p>All the youth leaders involved expressed their gratitude and look forward to further participation of police at their respective youth clubs.</p> <p>Operations were carried out as a result of the information contained within the problem profile documents produced by the analyst</p> <p>The football-coaching event involved children from youth clubs in Rathcoole and Bawnmore who came together at the Valley leisure Centre to receive football coaching from real professionals attached to Liverpool Football Club. The event received good cross community support</p>	

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Ballyclare Sector personnel organised a football competition for Primary schools. Seven Schools took part. Newtownabbey PSNI and several local businesses including Mawhinney Motors, Safeways, Woodsides, Sport and Sound and Watts Garage sponsored prize. The Six Mile Leisure Centre provided the facilities on the day of the competition, which received excellent support.

A joint hotspot for criminal damage and YCA was identified in Mallusk in the Tactical Assessment. From this a surveillance operation was put in place by the PPU.

An ASBO panel has been set up in Newtownabbey DCU. The panel meets every 4-6 weeks depending on the level/ volume of consultation required.

Covert operations under RIPA legislation in the Glengormley Village area led to substantial seizures of alcohol and prevented large groups of youths from gathering in confrontational situations.

The Glengormley Sector Inspector organised a beat patrol with a local councillor and town centre manager to give them first hand experience of the problems faced by officers at the weekends. As a result of this initiative the Council is seeking the cooperation of local businesses to repair fencing and secure premises used by youths as drinking dens.

As a result of police investigations charges were brought re criminal damage amounting to £400,000. As a direct result of these operations and the identification of the culprits problems with YCA/Criminal Damage in this area reduced significantly.

The following cases are ongoing

1 interim ASBO's now in operation with one other currently awaiting a court hearing.

2 further ABSO's are being considered.

6 ABC's are in force with a further ABC under consideration

Others are at the early stage of information/evidence gathering brought to the panel by NIHE/NBC.

18 warning letters have been sent to date.

It is anticipated that the number of full ASBO's and ABC's will increase during the next financial year.

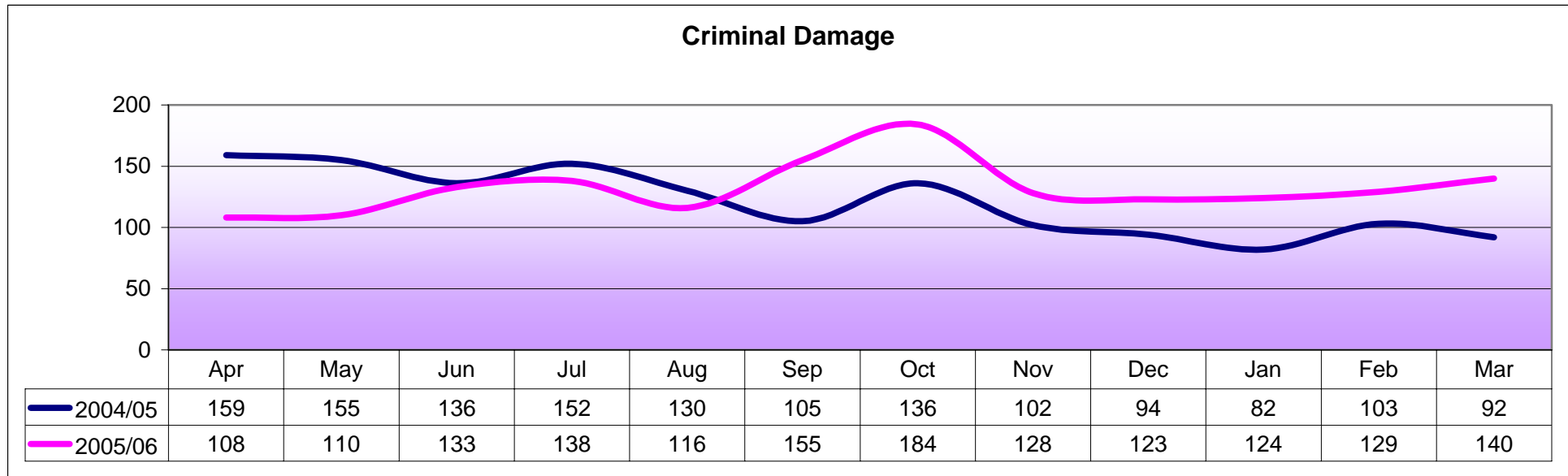
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In addition to regular beat patrols in the Farmley area, a joint problem solving approach with the local business community in Glengormley has been established. A number of quick fix solutions have been adopted i.e. anti climb paint, crime reduction posters, plans to build a flowerbed to prevent football

Rathcoole/Valley Leisure Centre again emerged as a hotspot for rival factions, a Problem Solving Folder is ongoing. Local community representatives have been approached to make youths aware of the improved cameras, which have been installed, and continuous work has been carried out with the Rathcoole Transformation Network, a cross community initiative aimed at resolving the problem using local representatives.

A cross community football competition involving local primary schools from Macedon and University sectors was held on 1st March 2006 at the University of Ulster at Jordanstown. This was organised by Sector officers with the assistance of the local Sports Development Officer for the Newtownabbey area.

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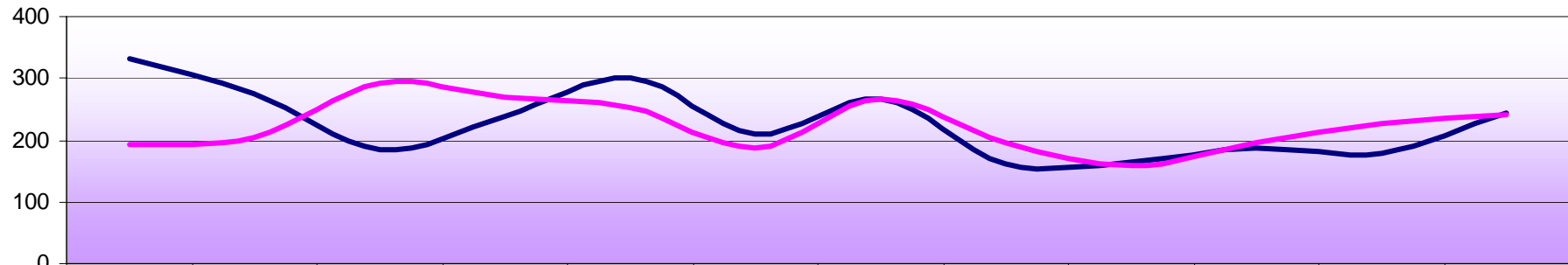
Criminal damage continues to be cause for concern within the DCU. As can be seen from the above chart, levels of this crime remained below the previous years totals during each of the first five months of the financial year until September. Figures peaked in October. Public disorder during these two months had an obvious influence on the figures.

Analysis has shown a definite link between criminal Damage and Youth Disorder

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Youths Causing Annoyance

YCA



2004/05	332	275	185	239	300	209	267	163	165	187	178	245
2005/06	192	205	293	270	253	186	267	197	160	197	226	240

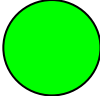
Youths Causing Annoyance – Youth Diversion

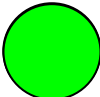
Figures for April 2005 – March 2006

Informed Warnings	41	Referrals	802
Restorative Cautions	30	Letters Sent to Parents	202
Youth Conferences	12	Prosecutions	35

Forum set up with Social services, Education and Welfare, Probation Board and Youth Justice re sharing of information. Forum meets once a month.

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District Policing Plan Target		FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.3.3 To increase seizures of alcohol to combat underage drinking		272 Seizures	155 Seizures	75%		Increased enforcement of Children and Alcohol legislation – Poster campaign in ‘Off Sales’ highlighting current legislation relating to minors
Seizures from 1st April to 31st March 2006						
Beer		Alcopops		Cider		Vodka
Bottles	Cans	Litres	Bottles	Bottles/cans		Bottles/litres
709	537	90.5	202	202		49
						Wine
						Bottles
						18

District Policing Plan Target		FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.3.4 to establish a process whereby joint environmental audits can be conducted with others.		N/A	N/A	N/A		Sector officers are continuing to carry out audits throughout the DCU
Sector Sergeants from each of the three station areas have begun to collate information, which is being gathered by Sector Officers whilst performing beat patrols in their respective areas of responsibility.						


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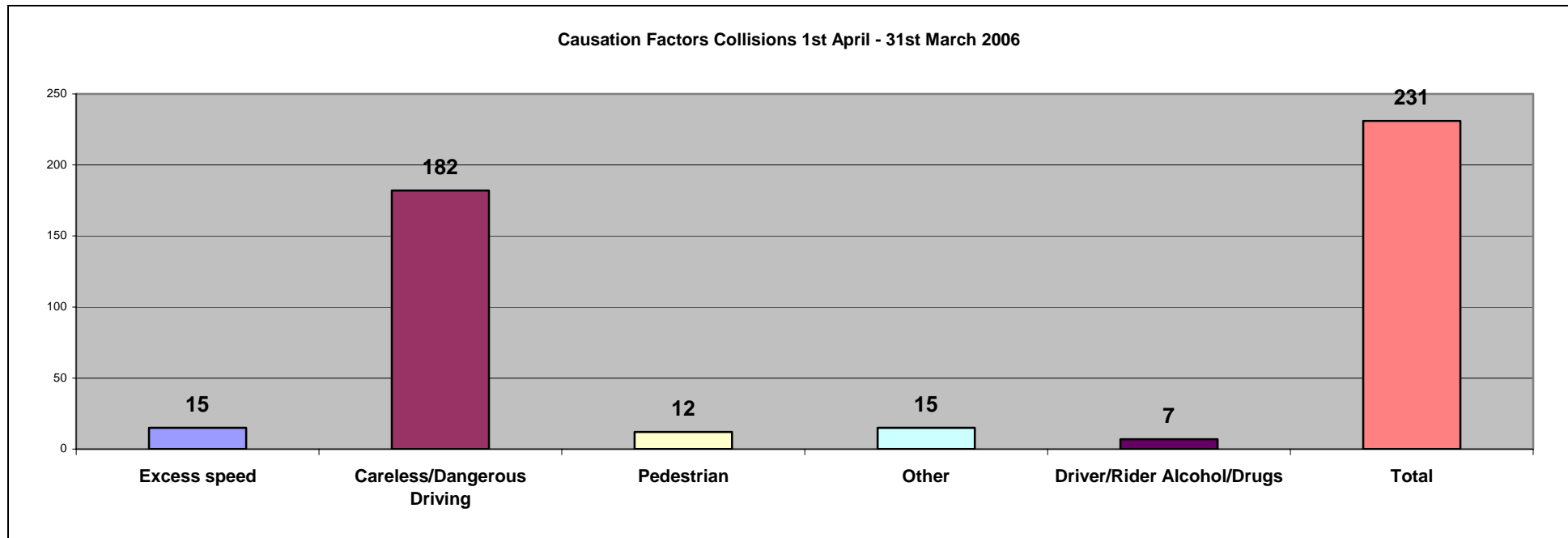
Environmental Audit results:

1. Derelict House, 7 Harmin Crescent, Shutters and metal grills provided for windows to keep unwanted persons out.
Completed
2. Health Hazard at a house in Elmfield Road re refuge, and smell inside and outside. Worked with environmental health to improve standards at house. **Completed**
3. Derelict House, Glengormley House. Building demolished to prevent anti social behaviour.
Completed
4. Removal of trees at St Brigit's Fold to prevent anti social behaviour.
Pending re a further multi agency meeting and funding approval.
5. Trees and bushes on land between commercial premises in Mallusk Drive and Mayfield housing Development are being considered for landscaping pending consultation with local residents and business managers and availability of funding.
Pending re funding approval.
6. Gate installed at Queens Drive to prevent Anti Social Behaviour.
Completed.
7. Measures are being taken to prevent young people accessing the roofs of garages in Queens Drive i.e. anti climb paint and physical barriers.
Pending re action from the NIHE and local Council.
8. Large Boulders placed across the entry to a car park in Northcott Shopping Centre to prevent the illegal occupation of the site.
Completed.

Domain: Promoting public safety

Objective: 6.0 To improve road safety

District Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
6.1.2 to reduce the number of injury road traffic collisions	231	202	29		Figures relate to the period 1 st April 2005 – 31 st March 2006



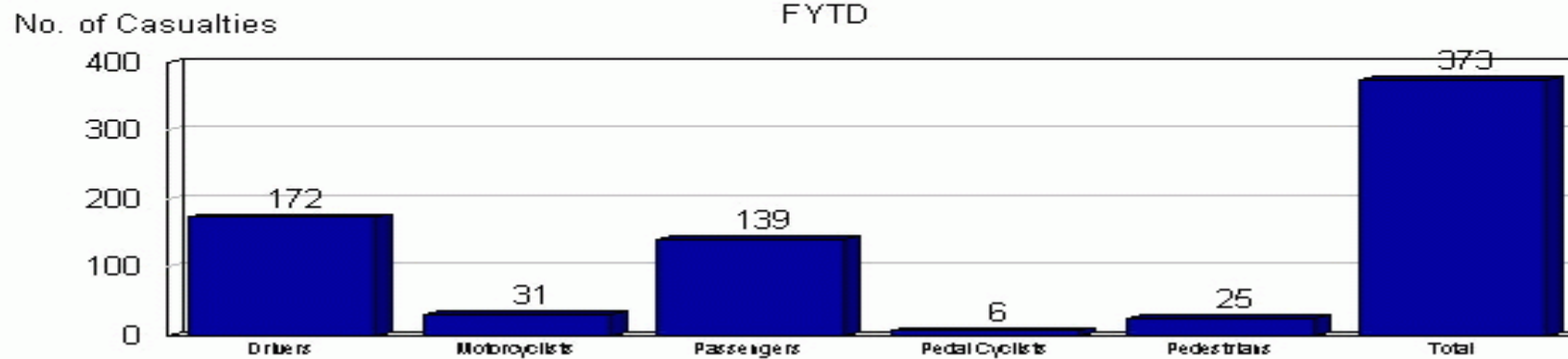
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Number of Casualties 1 April 2005 – 31st March 2006

Number of Casualties (FYTD : 1 Apr 05 - End of Mar 06)

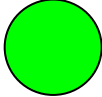
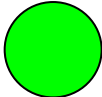
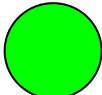
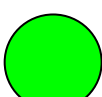
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FYTD	172	31	139	6	25	373
Killed	2	1	2	0	0	5
Seriously Injured	15	9	14	1	6	45
Slightly Injured	155	21	123	5	19	323
PFYTD	153	27	101	6	22	309
Killed	2	0	0	0	0	2
Seriously Injured	10	7	2	2	8	29
Slightly Injured	141	20	99	4	14	278
Difference	19	4	38	0	3	64

Roads Policing Performance Indicators (Annual Policing Plan)

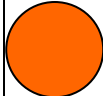
Indicator	Apr – Dec 2005	Apr – Dec 2004	Difference	Target
To increase the number of detections for excess speed offences.	106	75	31	
To increase the number of detections for driving whilst impaired through drink and/or drugs	61	54	7	
To increase the number of detections for non-wearing of seatbelts (including child restraints).	200	193	7	
To increase the number of detections for careless and dangerous driving offences	77	47	30	

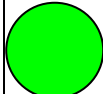
Targets for each of the four enforcement categories were met during the financial year however the number of road traffic collisions and the number of casualties including fatalities increased.

Officers including those from our road policing team will continue to focus on enforcement along with prevention. In order to assist with this task the DCU has now taken delivery of a highly visible matrix sign that displays the speed of an approaching vehicle. The sign will be used at collision 'hotspots' to encourage drivers to check their speed and slow down if necessary.

Officers in our Road Policing unit continue to work on their own and alongside officers from Roads Policing (formerly Traffic Branch) and other agencies to carry out enforcement operations throughout the DCU.

Annual Policing Plan Targets: Figures to 31st March 2006

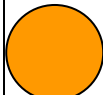
Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target
To continue to reduce the number of crimes	5300	5275	0.47%	

Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target
To continue to reduce the number of vehicle crimes	346	399	-13.28%	

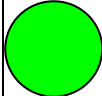
Vehicle crime although not included in the Local Policing Plan has been a success story within the DCU with 53 less victims than last year.

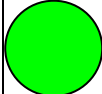
Newtownabbey DCU experienced reductions in the actual theft of vehicles of 24.2% and Theft from vehicles of 4.6%


Clearance rates however were down slightly from 9.52% to 7.8% for vehicle crime due in some part to the sporadic nature of these crimes during the financial year.

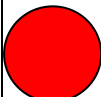
Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target
To Increase the clearance rate for violent crime	41.1%	42.91%	0.9%	

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Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target
To increase the clearance rate for homophobic crimes	20.0%	0%	20.0%	

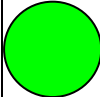
Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	PFYTD	% Change	Target
To increase the clearance rate for racist crimes	10.2%	0%	10.2%%	

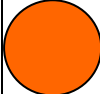
Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	Difference	Target
To process 85% of custody cases within 90 days	81.8%	-3.2%	

Annual Policing Plan Target	FYTD	Difference	Target
To process 85% of bail cases within 110 days.	76.3%	-8.7%	

A significant improvement in targets relating to custody and bail cases is anticipated during the next financial year as many of the difficulties encountered were due to teething problems surrounding the introduction of new electronic systems for file submission.

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Annual Policing Plan Target	Police 1 Apr- 31 Mar 2006	Target
To reduce average sickness levels for police officers and civilians to 13 days in 2005-06.	11.49 average working days lost	

Annual Policing Plan Target	Civilian 1 Apr- 31 Mar 2005	Target
To reduce average sickness levels for police officers and civilians to 13 days in 2005-06.	14.9 average working days lost	

Hate Crime

Racist Incidents		Racist Crimes		Change in clearance rate
FYTD	PFYTD	FYTD	PFYTD	
52	15	49	15	+10.2%
Homophobic Incidents				
Homophobic Incidents		Homophobic Crimes		Change in clearance rate
11	9	10	6	20.0%
Establish Baseline				
Religious incidents	Religious Crimes	Baseline Clearance		
1	0	0		
Sectarian Incidents				
Sectarian Incidents		Sectarian Crimes		Baseline Clearance
93	98	2.0%		
Disability Incidents				
Disability Incidents		Disability crimes		Baseline Clearance
2	2	50%		

Policing With The Community.

CASE

The CASE programme (Full or Part) has been delivered to 13 of the DCU's primary schools. This programme covers such subjects as hate crime, personal safety, drugs, anti-social behaviour and bullying.

From 1st April to 31st March Community Safety in Newtownabbey gave 196 CASE Lessons as detailed below:

Drugs Awareness = 50

Staying Safe/ Internet Safety = 41

Vandalism/Theft = 2

Bullying = 4

Bee Safe Week (Various) = 68

Rights/Responsibilities Diversity Sectarian Awareness = 10

Lifestyle and the Law = 3

Role of the Police = 3

Farm Safety = 1

key stage 2 "Meet the Police lessons" = 8

Stranger Danger = 5

Anti Social behaviour = 1

Community Safety gave 3 presentations to International students at the University Of Ulster.

New Mossley Festival/Rush Park Community Scheme

Police from Newtownabbey participated in the Mossley festival / VE celebrations. The Crime prevention officer was on hand to provide advice. Community Safety gave drugs talks and local Sector officers interacted with the public and were able to listen to local concerns and offer advice. Roads Policing and a police dog also participated.

Police were similarly involved in the Rush Park Community Scheme, which was held on 1st August.

Police also contributed towards the Bawnmore and Rathcoole festivals in August.

School Watch

Officers worked in partnership with The DPP and CSP to produce and have leaflets printed and distributed to homes in the vicinity of schools that are targeted by youths causing damage during the summer holidays. Extra patrols were deployed during the school holidays at Halloween and Christmas in an effort to prevent vandalism.

Leisure watch

Leisure Watch – Pilot scheme is being run in Newtownabbey DCU and Antrim DCU. To train leisure attendants to be aware of safety of members of the public in the leisure centres (ie paedophiles).

Training at sites in Newtownabbey is well advanced with manager training completed as well. Mop up training is to follow with regular refreshers to reflect the quick turnaround in leisure centre staff, It is quite possible that the training may form part of regular staff training i.e. bronze medallion.

Neighbourhood Watch:

A total of nine schemes are now up and running, Ballynure, Farmwatch, Twinburn, Ypres Park Tobarglen Elmfield Crescent Whitehouse Rogan Manor and Glenvarna.

PACT – Police and Churches Together

The PACT scheme is intended to encourage local churches and groups to be more visibly supportive of their local police and to get practically involved in various crime reducing initiatives. To have a more co-ordinated approach to youth work, both to reduce youth offending and YCA reports and also to address issues with young people that are of relevance to policing within their own communities.

The scheme also allows for the dissemination of information to a wide audience in relation to several areas of the local and service wide policing plans.

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Examples of good police work such as drug seizures and high profile arrests are also provided to those involved as a way of building confidence within the community.

There are currently 35 different groups within Newtownabbey signed up the PACT scheme. They are representative of the majority of the protestant denominations as well as the catholic tradition and include several youth groups and school Christian Unions

The 3 main objectives of the PACT scheme are

1. Churches will actively cover topics with their youth groups that are relevant to police issues such as YCA prevention, drug awareness, respect for property, road policing issues etc.
2. Churches and groups will agree to meet to discuss the co-ordination of their youth work to tackle youth crime and YCA reports.
3. Intelligence will increase.

The response in Newtownabbey DCU has been extremely positive with several groups all saying that they had long wanted a closer working relationship with the police but just weren't sure how to achieve it. Although PACT is still in its infancy, a spin off from similar schemes has resulted in an increase in intelligence.

Similar schemes have operated in several forces, however it was generally on a very informal basis and did not encourage practical involvement.

The scheme was initiated locally following a request from a large local church who raised the possibility of having more regular police contact and information about local policing issues.

A colour Newsletter will be produced regularly which will enable police to encourage practical involvement and address relevant issues in a very cost effective manner.

LeisureWatch

As part of a joint initiative between the NSPCC and the PSNI, Newtownabbey was selected as the pilot area for the rollout of Leisurewatch Training. Training of all Leisure staff (Council) is already well under way. The idea behind this was to train staff to become more vigilant during their working day at the leisure sites.

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All staff from front desk reception to ground staff will be trained. Sites will display the 'Leisurewatch' logo (orange circle inside a purple circle). Any concerning behaviour that is reported of a non - urgent nature will be forwarded to Community Safety at Newtownabbey PSNI where the appropriate action will be taken. It is hoped that staff will record and forward information that may have been lost in the past, the overall idea is to make Leisure spaces safer for children and deter offenders from using these spaces.

Road Safe Roadshow

Newtownabbey PSNI, Newtownabbey District Policing Partnership and Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership provided funding for the Road Safe Roadshow which was held on 13th October at Belfast High School. This event which was organised by Newtownabbey Community Safety provided 350 sixth form pupils with a hard hitting multi agency roadshow which was aimed at young drivers.

Because of ongoing problems with young drivers (boy racers) in the Ballyclare area a feasibility study is being conducted to see if it would be possible to run a similar show in that area.

Ethnic Minorities Working Group

An ethnic minorities working group has been set up in partnership with Newtownabbey Council and Newtownabbey Community Safety Partnership and representatives from ethnic minority groups. A welcome pack is being prepared by all the member agencies and groups.

The Minorities Liaison Officer has also been working with Tim Lewis recruitment and FG Wilsons who employ a large number of migrant workers. These workers are learning to speak English and at their classes police will have an input regarding general safety and road traffic legislation.

Disability Awareness

A very innovative initiative was planned by sector officers aimed at raising disability awareness among school kids. One of the officers approached the Knights basketball team who are based in Antrim for their assistance in this project. The members of Knights team are all disabled but despite being wheelchair bound are able to play basketball to a high standard. On 26th January the Knights went to Hollybank Primary school and took part in a lecture on the subject of disability awareness which was directed at primary seven

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pupils. The Knights then accompanied police and the pupils to the Valley Leisure Centre where they took place in a basketball match/exhibition. Extra wheelchairs were brought to the centre and pupils were able to gain first hand experience of what it is like to play basketball from the confines of a wheelchair. The initiative was a complete success and everyone present , children and adults alike not only came away with a better understanding of what it is like to be disabled, but an appreciation of the remarkable courage and abilities of these remarkable people.

APPENDIX E

Assessment of police performance – overview (Refer to page 10)

The steps that are being taken to progress policing with the community as the core function of all police within the Borough.

Members continued to reinforce to the Police commander the wishes of the community for a higher policing visibility. It has been pleasing to note the development of Neighbourhood Policing Teams which have been augmented by the increase of part time officers. The efforts by Sector Inspectors to develop closer working relationships with the community has attracted favourable comment from the community, members of Community and Police Liaison committees and members of the DPP.

The contribution the police are making to any community safety projects within the Borough

Greater participation by the local police in community safety projects in the Borough has been noted and firm partnerships between the police and other agencies have resulted in a multi-agency approach to problem solving. A number of officers in particular have been identified as key drivers in this area.

The progress in achieving targets set out in the Local Policing Plan and the Annual Policing Plan

In terms of overall crime it has been disappointing to observe a slight increase in the instances of overall crime. Whilst this is less than half of one percent it does represent a significant change in the trend of crime reduction since the formation of the DPP. It is acknowledged that significant public disorder in the Borough in September 2005 and ensuing weeks resulted in increased crimes of violence and robberies and this impacted on overall crime totals. Anti-Social Behaviour remains a core problem to be overcome and considerable publicity to highlight the problem to parents and persons of responsibility was and continues to be promoted by media and other sources. The success of local strategies to counter the problem by the various Neighbourhood Units has been noted. Significant success has been noted in relation to countering Burglaries and the DPP continues to support initiatives to highlight preventative measures. It has been encouraging to observe considerable success in tackling local drug related crime. The level of Domestic Violence Offences in the Borough remains a cause of concern. The DPP has been reassured by the proactive approach taken by the Commander in

providing an additional officer dedicated to investigating these unacceptable crimes. Some members of the DPP have, and continue to take, a particular interest in this area of crime.

In terms of Road Policing targets members note that all targets set in had a positive outcome with increases in detections in relation to; Excess Speed; Driving while impaired by Drink/Drugs; Non-Wearing of Seat Belts and Careless/Dangerous Driving.

In terms of Public Order Objectives and targets members requested a shift in priorities to focus on anti-social behaviour and whilst recognising that this continues to be a problematic area, observed that positive action has been taken with encouraging results.

The progress in achieving targets relative to crime prevention in the Borough

Members have been pleased to have noted a significant reduction in crime over the past three years and in many ways there is recognition that it will be difficult to maintain this trend (at this level). However publicity aimed at engendering greater awareness of crime and steps that can be taken to prevent crime continues to be part of the DPP Strategy. The relationship between the local Crime Prevention Officer and the DPP Manager continues to develop in terms of introducing new initiatives and providing advice. The very slight increase in crime has already been alluded to and had there not been the disorder following the Whiterock Band parade and associated crime the District would have recorded a decrease in crime.

APPENDIX F

Newtownabbey Borough Council District Policing Partnership

Statement of Income & Expenditure

Year to 31 March 2005

	2005
	£
Income	
Grant from Policing Board	122,692
Contribution from Council	47,767
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	170,459
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Expenditure	
Salary Costs	94,572
Gaining Co-operation of the public	4,342
Secondary/local Consultation	3,456
DPP Meetings	4,785
Advertising & Publicity	11,837
Running Costs	5,829
Equipment	474
Funding Groups	1,000
Core/local Training	7,290
Recruitment/reconstitution costs	20,902
SLA	15,236
Other	736
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