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Getting the best of social media

Craigavon PCSP has delivered a number of events to educate young people, parents and carers on how to get the best and not the worst of social media.

Part of this was a challenge to 12 local schools to come up with posters with key messages about social media. All the winning posters have been published in a calendar along with information and tips for all family members to stay safe online.

Pictured with those who delivered the winning entries in the school competition are (l-r): Hugh Carey, Marketing Manager, Alison Clenaghan, PCSP Manager, PCSP Chair Cllr Kenneth Twyble and Lynette Cooke, PCSP Development Officer.



Pictured with the competition winners are (l-r): PCSP Manager Vanessa Russell, PCSP Chair Derek Hussey, Con Alan McGonagle Strabane Neighbourhood Policing Team, PCSP Members Iuliana Moore, Andy Patton and Patsy McGonagle, PCSP Vice Chair Margaret McLaughlin and C/Insp Alan Hutton.

Bee safe continues to buzz

The Bee Safe events continue to buzz across the country giving young people the chance to learn more about internet, personal, farm and fire safety as well as highlighting issues about drugs and alcohol.

Strabane PCSP arranged for almost 400 P7 pupils to meet up with relevant agencies to hear more about some of the issues that might affect them.

They then asked primary school pupils in the district to design posters illustrating what being safe means to them. Of 100 entries, 12 winning posters have been used to create a Bee Safe calendar which will be distributed

to the schools which took part.

PCSP Chair Cllr Derek Hussey said: "It was evident that this competition has encouraged children to look closely, through group discussion, at staying safe and how it affects their community.

Children and young people need to know how to look after themselves and stay as safe as possible whether indoors or outside. Feeling confident to make the right decisions, knowing why it may be important to say 'no' in the right situation and how to get help if threatened are important skills that often needed to be reinforced."

Front cover caption:

Owner of the winning poster Blair Killen pictured with (l-r): Con Alan McGonagle Strabane Neighbourhood Policing Team, PCSP Vice Chair Margaret McLaughlin, PCSP Chair Cllr Derek Hussey and C/Insp Alan Hutton.

PCSPs awarded for youth work



PCSPs across the country have prioritised their work and engagement with young people and their efforts have been recently commended by the Commissioner for Children and Young People.

North Belfast

North Belfast PCSP were the proud winners of the Gold Award for a project they undertook with young people to identify safety issues in their community. What stood out about the project was the empowerment of the young people in setting the process for a youth conference, determining the topics to be discussed and having their voices heard.

North Belfast DPCSP Chair Mary Ellen Campbell said: **“I’m delighted that the hard work of the young people has been recognised. Their views are vital in helping to shape the work of the PCSP in north Belfast, and it’s fantastic to see so many teenagers engaging with us in a positive way. I think they can all be very proud of this achievement.”**

Front cover picture:

Pictured with the North Belfast award are (l-r) Cllr Guy Spence Belfast City Council, Jason Perry from the North Belfast Area Project, participants in the conference, Justice Minister David Ford and Mark McBride and Edele Cleary from the North Belfast Area Project.

East Belfast

The Alive and Kicking project run by East Belfast PCSP which enabled young people to set up their own website on drug and alcohol misuse was highly commended for how it engaged children and young people. The project has delivered a reusable resource and will be rolled out to more schools in the area.



Pictured with the East Belfast award are (l-r): Cllr Mervyn Jones East Belfast DPCSP Chair, East Belfast Area Commander C/Insp David Moore Area Commander East Belfast, Glenn Thomas East Belfast DPCSP Co-Ordinator, James Scott FASA, participants Alice Graham and Georgia Hardwicke, Jill Lapping NICCY and website designer Eoin Lennon.



Pictured with the Antrim award are back row (l-r): Cllr Roy Thompson, Antrim PCSP, Karl McMeekin, Antrim PCSP, David Ford, Justice Minister
Front row: Sarah Bell from, NICCY Youth Panel, Cllr Linda Clarke, Antrim PCSP, Andrew Irwin, Antrim PCSP Manager and Ald Drew Ritchie, Antrim PCSP.

Antrim

Antrim PCSP came out on top for their work in “Follow up and Demonstrating Impact”. Their project demonstrated the impact of involving young people on making decisions right from the beginning of an initiative. The PCSP included the young people in strategy decisions, campaigns and projects and continue to engage with them in how they planned their work.



Some of the young people hear more about the drugs programme in Limavady.

Is that you?

LIMAVADY PCSP is working with the Divert Project to deliver drugs training to young people on the effects of new psychoactive substances (NPSs).

With an increase in psychoactive substances, including what we all know as ‘legal highs’, the programme uses technology to illustrate the reality of drug taking to young people. Project coordinator Ryan Tracey explains:

“At Divert, we recognise that in order to achieve meaningful education on these new emerging drugs, we need to take radical steps to ensure the safety of young people.

By taking part, the young person will go on a very claustrophobic,

personal journey. Whilst our approach is creative and innovative, it carries the same important messages of previous programmes: Drugs have the potential to cause death.”

Limavady PCSP chair Michael Coyle said: “Last year, the PCSP facilitated a training initiative which aimed to increase awareness of new drugs available in our local community.

Supporting the Divert Project is the perfect fit as a follow up project as it aims to make an impact to the perfect captive audience on a very personal level.”

For more information on Divert, click here.

Anti-social Behaviour in Craigavon

No-one should have to live with anti-social behaviour on a daily basis was the message from the people of Craigavon at a recent public meeting. Members of the community put their questions to statutory organisations about what they are able to do and what they actually deliver in relation to anti-social behaviour in the area.

PCSP Chair said: “Anti-social behaviour can include vandalism, littering, alcohol and drugs abuse, rowdy behaviour and much more – behaviour that no-one should have to deal with on a daily basis. This meeting has allowed the public and community representatives to sit down with statutory agencies and share information on anti-social behaviour and how to deal with it.”



Pictured at the Craigavon meeting are back row (l-r): Jill Grant, Probation Board, Denise McNally, Housing Executive, C/Insp Paul Reid, Michaela Murray, Youth Justice Agency and Peter Scott PCSP Member. Front row (l-r) Roisin McConville, SELB, Cllr Kenneth Twyble, PCSP Chair, Alison Clenaghan, PCSP Manager and Niall Currie, Craigavon Borough Council.



Some of the older people chat to police and representatives about community safety.

Keeping older people safe in West Belfast

When West Belfast DPCSP recently consulted with the people and representatives of the Highfield area, it was clear that a major concern was the safety of older people in their homes and on the streets. The DPCSP put together an information event so that those affected could learn more from a range of relevant organisations about home safety, bogus callers, crime prevention, benefits and community safety.

Speaking about it, PCSP Chair Frank McCoubrey said: **“The West Belfast DPCSP is delighted to have had such a great turnout and be able to signpost senior people to a range of services to improve their safety. We also hope the event will help to reduce vulnerability, isolation and fear of crime by promoting local networking opportunities.”**

Front cover picture: (l-r): Paul Cleary Belfast City Council, Ashley Neill Good Morning North Belfast, John O’Hare NIFRS, Con Thallon PSNI, Terry McCallum Belfast City Council, Ald Frank McCoubrey West Belfast DPCSP Chair, Lorraine Pritchard Highfield Community Centre, Ena Murphy Highfield Community Centre and Joanna Felo Black Mountain Shared Space Project.

Omagh Street Safe going strong



(Back row l-r): David McFall, PCSP Community Safety Warden, Jim Roddy, Chairman of NI Purple Flag Committee, Cllr Sorcha McAnespy, Mickey McElroy, Business owner, Cllr Allan Rainey, MBE and Cllr Paddy McGowan, MBE. (Front row l-r): Cllr Josephine Deehan and Cllr Elaine Thompson.

The Omagh Street Safe Project, which provides support, advice and first aid for people out on the town at night, has just marked 12 successful months by unveiling its official logo.

The Vice Chair of the PCSP and a volunteer for the scheme, Eithne McAnespy said that since the project began, volunteers have engaged with over 10,000 people, clocked up 4022 volunteering hours, carried out 182 basic first aid interventions and provided 724 other interventions offering advice, support and a place of safety for those who needed it.

She said: **“We have provided a listening ear for those presenting with suicidal tendencies, domestic violence**

and alcohol and drug use, signposting these people to support agencies.

The work of the project is centred around partnership work and building relationships and as we move forward that is exactly what we want to build upon. We want to reduce these statistics and ensure Omagh remains a safe town to socialise in for all and I would like to congratulate each and every volunteer for their continued dedication and commitment to this project.”

Blocking scam callers

Over 100 vulnerable people in Fermanagh will benefit from a limited number of call blocking devices being given out by the PCSP.

The devices will allow people to block out unwanted calls and scams. People applying will be assessed on need and those deemed most vulnerable are most likely to be prioritised. For those of us who may miss out, here are a few tips on dealing with scam callers:

1. Never give out your personal details to anyone who asks for them;
2. Never give out your credit card or bank details for identification purposes;
3. Do not reveal a lot of personal information on social networking sites;
4. Do not respond to junk mail or spam emails;
5. ALWAYS check the identity and credentials of a company you're dealing with.

For more information or apply for a device, contact **028 6632 5050** ext. 21178 or pcsp@fermanagh.gov.uk



Pictured with local young people who completed the 'Heading for Healthy Relationships' programme with Youthlife are (l-r): Tracey Healy, Business Development Manager with AVERT, Derry PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, Derry PCSP Chair Ald Drew Thompson and , Claire McLaughlin AVERT Training Facilitator.

Training young people on domestic abuse

Derry PCSP is supporting the delivery of AVERT Training to a range of schools throughout the city. The aim of the project is to generate positive attitudes towards relationships and to help young people identify the signs of unhealthy and abusive relationships.

Speaking about the importance and impact of the programme, PCSP Chair Ald Drew Thompson said: **"This is an extremely important programme for the PCSP to support as it provides early interventions to enable our young people to make informed decisions on relationships.**

Unfortunately our Council area has a high level of domestic abuse/ violence and we are hopeful that this programme can go some way to breaking this cycle."

AVERT's Tracey Healey explained that added due to the support of the PCSP, they have delivered the training into five primary schools, three post primary schools and five community groups. She said: **"The message we are sending out to these young people is that sexual and domestic violence is never acceptable and should not be tolerated."**



Pictured with a device are (l-r): Frances Spence Fermanagh Rural Community Network, David Glass PSNI Crime Prevention Officer, Jill Donnelly Home Assessment Officer, Fermanagh District Council, Cllr Paul Robinson PCSP Chari and Sharon Foster Care Direct 24/7.

Getting sporty

70 teenagers across Down recently joined in the 5 week Saturday night sports programme run by the PCSP to combat rural isolation and give young people the opportunity to meet new friends and feel included in the community.

Local police were on hand to give advice on anti-social behaviour, personal protection and bullying/cyberbullying. It was also a chance to give the young people some relevant information on the negative effects of alcohol.



Pictured at one of the Down Saturday sports night are Constables Sandy Boyd and Veronica Bailie with some of the young people who took part.



Pictured at the Hate Crime app launch are Back Row (l-r): C/Insp Jane Humphries, Philip Clarke Head of Community Development, Oliver Morgan Good Relations Officer, Celene O'Neill PCSP Manager. Front Row (l-r): Eamon McClean PCSP Vice Chair, Cllr Roger Burton Mayor of Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Shirley Burden DoJ.

Hate crime app

Dungannon South Tyrone PCSP has co-funded the development of a hate crime app to be delivered by the Council's Good Relations Department which raises awareness of all aspects of hate crime, helps victims understand their rights and identifies how to get help.

People can report a hate crime through the app as it connects them to an online reporting form. It also includes local contact details of hate crime support services and is available in five languages.

To download the app, scan here



New 'leaner' police districts

The Chief Constable has written to every household in Northern Ireland explaining changes to policing arising from the restructure of policing divisions in line with the 11 new Councils, which took effect on 1 April.

Speaking about the new set up and its impact, the Chief Constable said:

"It is vitally important the public are updated and kept informed of new developments in policing. Due to the impact on our budget, we are becoming a smaller organisation, which means we have to look at how we prioritise our reducing resources.

The 11 new districts will be leaner and more streamlined and will focus firmly on local priorities."

For more information [click here](#)



A copy of the PSNI's newsletter to households



Pictured are (l-r): C/Insp Stephen Reid Area Commander, Alderman John Blair PCSP Chair, Paula Matthews Fairview Primary School Principal and Brian Mullan PCSP Vice-Chair.

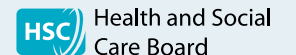
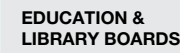
Primary Issues

Newtownabbey PCSP recently held a public meeting for parents of primary school children to discuss some of the safety issues they may face as their child moves to secondary education. The discussion centred around practical issues such as travelling safely to and from school, the safe use of social media, bullying, internet safety and how to guide young people on safety.

PCSPs are funded and supported by the Policing Board and Department of Justice.



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



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