



**Derry**

***District Policing  
Partnership***

Local people shaping local policing

**Public Consultation Report**

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## **Introduction**

### **Legal requirements of District Policing Partnerships**

The establishment of District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) in 2003 resulted from the legal imperative under the Police (NI) Act 2000, which had its origins in the Report of the Independent Commission on Policing for NI 'Patten Report' 1999. One of the key elements of the Patten Report stated that 'there should be clearly established arrangements enabling local people and their political representatives to articulate views and concerns about policing priorities and influence policing policies'. Under Sections 22 & 25 of the Police (NI) Act 2000, the PSNI, NIPB and Local Area and District Command Units are required to consult and take cognisance of the views of the community as expressed through District Policing Partnerships (DPPs).

Therefore, under its statutory responsibility, Derry DPP has developed a comprehensive consultation programme, which primarily seeks to be mindful of the overarching policing objectives of:

1. Reducing crime
2. Reducing the fear of crime
3. Maintaining public confidence in the delivery of local policing

And specifically to identify:

1. Main policing concerns in relation to crime in the Derry City Council area
2. Where policing resources should be concentrated
3. Satisfaction levels of the community in relation to policing and policing practices

This report provides a synopsis of the main research findings from primary, secondary and other local consultation sources.

The information will form the basis of dialogue between Partnership Members and the Area Commander to form the basis of next year's Foyle Local Policing Plan (2012 – 2013) and agree objectives for the Annual Northern Ireland Policing Plan.

## **Public Consultation Report – Rationale and Methodology**

Under Section 7.2 of the DPP Code of Practice, DPPs are required to undertake a public consultation survey to identify the views of the public concerning the policing of the district. The results of these surveys form a baseline from which to measure the results of future DPP consultations.

In seeking to ensure that local people are given a voice on local policing, Derry DPP consulted with the public to obtain a mix of qualitative and quantitative information from various sections of the community. The range of public consultation is outlined below.

**NISRA/DPP 2010 Household Survey** – A public survey was carried out by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) on behalf of the DPP through the circulation of questionnaires to 74,000 households across Northern Ireland, selected at random from the Land and Property Services list of addresses. The response rate for Derry was 18% with 772 replies received from the 4,224 addresses sampled. This represents an increase of 5% on the 2008 survey response when only 543 replies were received.

**‘Hard to Reach’ Groups Consultation Initiative** – Derry DPP facilitated meetings with the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-sexual) community, the PACT (Policing and Community Together) Youth Group and the farming community in Limavady/Derry. Between October 2010 and September 2011 the Derry DPP held three member/community interactive sessions: firstly in North West Regional College with the LGBT community on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010, secondly in the Waterfoot Hotel with the PACT Youth Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 and finally in the Vale Centre, Greysteel with members of the Farming community.

LGBT Engagement: As part of anti-homophobia week the four North West Policing Partnerships (Derry, Limavady, Magherafelt and Strabane) joined forces to host an engagement event with this ‘hard to reach’ community. Working in partnership with Rainbow and PSNI the event took place in the NW Regional College, Derry on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Approximately 60 members of the public attended the engagement event where they heard presentations from Chief Inspector Tony Callaghan on the ‘Hands Off My Friend’ Initiative and from John O’Doherty of Rainbow on the impact of the ‘Through Our Eyes’ report published in June 2009. The event was chaired by local Radio Foyle broadcaster Mark Patterson and the open discussion after the presentations raised issues such as:

- Confidence in reporting homophobic incidents/crimes to the police
- Low clearance rates of homophobic incidents/crimes
- The difference between a hate crime and a hate incident

- Police response to these incidents
- Perception of isolation with this community
- Need for increased education and awareness in relation to homophobic crime and hate crime in general
- Feedback to victims from PSNI

Nineteen members of the DPPs and 7 PSNI officers also attended the engagement event and after the meeting PSNI agreed to organize a clinic on a regular basis in the Rainbow officers to facilitate the reporting of homophobic incidents/crimes.



Attendees at the LGBT Engagement Meeting in November 2010



DPP Chairs and speakers etc. at the event

PACT Youth Group Engagement: As part of the Derry DPP's ongoing youth engagement six members (4 independent and 2 elected) of the DPP met with 38 young people, aged between 13 and 18 participating in the PACT programme. The event was held in the Waterfoot Hotel on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 and Gearoid OhEara vice chair of NI Policing Board also attended the engagement. At the session the young people were informed of the roles and responsibilities of the District Policing Partnership and were encouraged to participate in public meetings. All participants also completed the DPP questionnaire. During the question and answer element the following issues were raised by those attending:

- The impact of dissidents on community policing
- How the DPP hold the PSNI to account
- Police stereotyping and lack of respect for teenagers
- How is inclusion of ethnic minorities promoted by the police and the DPP
- Lack of police presence in rural districts
- How DPP members are appointed
- The ratio of Catholic/Protestants and others employed by the PSNI

After this meeting the young people agreed that they would like to attend the next public meeting of the DPP scheduled for April to witness at first hand the monitoring of the police by the DPP.



DPP members attending the PACT Youth Engagement Meeting



Young people attending the PACT/DPP Engagement event

Farm Security Engagement: On 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 Derry and Limavady DPPs in partnership with PSNI Crime Prevention Unit and Ulster Farmers Union held a Farm Security event in the Vale Centre, Greysteel. The event was attended by approximately 100 members of the public, twelve representatives of Derry and Limavady DPPs and the PSNI Roads Policing, Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Police Teams. At this event nineteen farmers had their trailers marked by PSNI and a further 65 farmers signed up to the rural text alert scheme. Edwin Stevenson, Chair of Limavady DPP and Thomas Conway, Chair of Derry DPP took the lead and were the first two farmers to have their trailers marked with the individualized distinctive lettering and security mark. Information stands were also provided at the event by Be Safe Be Well, Derry and Limavady CSPs and DPPs, Foyle Security, Health and Safety Executive NI, Land and Property Services, NW Locks, Pirtek, Rural Enabler Support and Selectamark. During the engagement event the following issues were raised by those attending:

- Restraining dogs in vehicles
- Registration plates on agricultural vehicles and trailers
- Use of seat belts in agricultural vehicles
- Speed restrictions on agricultural vehicles
- Licence requirements and tests in relation to towing trailers
- Clarification on permitted fuel type in agricultural vehicles
- Drug dealing in rural areas

After this engagement meeting it was agreed to follow up with another trailer marking event within the next two months.



Clr Thomas Conway, Chair of Derry DPP gets his trailer marked at the Farm Security Event



Agricultural trailers waiting to be marked at the Farm Security Event

**Other local consultations** - Information was also gathered on an ongoing basis through questions submitted to DPP meetings in public, issues raised by DPP members at private meetings relating to crime, issues and concerns and issues raised through other engagements such as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator's Meetings and Community Safety Fora meetings.

## Section One - Local Policing Plan Targets and Local Crime Figures

Table 1

Local Policing Plan Target (2010 – 2011)	Results
1.1 To reduce the total number of robberies by 5%	The total number of robberies decreased during this period from 77 robberies in 2009/10 to 58 robberies in the 12 months to the end of March 2011. This represents a significant decrease of 19 robberies or 24.7% reduction over the two year period.
2.1 To reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation of domestic abuse by 10%	The number of repeat victims of domestic abuse reduced significantly during this period from 950 victims in 2009/10 to 822 victims in 2010/11. This represents a reduction of 13.5% which is similar to the 13.6% decrease achieved in the previous two years. Since 2008/09 repeat victimisation of domestic abuse in Foyle has reduced from 1073 victims 822 victims. The Area Commander has stated that strong partnerships coupled with strong enforcement have made victims safer.
2.2 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%	Again this crime category has reduced significantly from 986 crimes in 2009/10 to 895 crimes in 2010/11. This represents a reduction of 91 crimes or a decrease of 9.2%. This reduction has been achieved by high visibility policing (especially in the city centre), alcohol seizures and the prosecution of troublemakers.
3.1 In partnership with other agencies to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	The number of road fatalities remained static at 6. However during the same period serious injuries on the road increased from 37 to 42. This represents an increase of 13.5%.
4.1 To increase the detection rate for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs by 10%	During the past year there has been 37 people charged with possession with intent to supply controlled drugs. This represents an increase of 8.8% on the previous year which showed an increase of 78.4% when compared to 2008/09

	figures. Increased quality information from the public has driven this continuing rise in charges for drug dealing in Foyle.
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/01/2011	Since 2006/07 Foyle PSNI has reduced anti-social behaviour by 12.5% or 854 incidents from 6804 in 2006/07 to 5950 in 2010/11.

### **Top Crimes in Foyle 2010/11**

- 1 Offences against the person (2,393 recorded)
- 2 Criminal Damage (2,034 recorded)
- 3 Theft (1,689 recorded)
- 4 Burglary (595 recorded)

### **Violent Crime**

Violent crime is still a major issue for the city and the district generally. However, this year has witnessed a decrease in violent crime of 10.1% (292 crimes) when compared to the same period last year (April 09 – March 10). This rise follows an increase of 3.4% (962 crimes) from the previous year. The total number of violent crimes recorded in Foyle for 2010/11 was 2591 compared to 2883 in the previous year. Violent crime still accounts for over 34% of all recorded crime within the Foyle area. The detection rate for violent crime increased by 7.8% during this period. This represents an increase of 117 crimes detected (from 855 detected in 09/10 to 972 in 10/11). The PSNI continue to work with the vintners, City Centre Initiative, Chamber of Commerce, Neighbourhood Partnership Boards and Derry City Council to tackle this ongoing problem. Due to the continuing reduction in city centre crime, the targeted, high-visibility patrols are now focussed on the local estates with the emphasis on preventing under-age drinking. Derry city Council through the Community Safety Partnership also employs ten community safety wardens to covering the educational precinct and the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas. The Council is also in the process of recruiting a further two wardens to operate in the rural area.

### **Offences against the person**

Again this category of crime decreased significantly during 2010/11 2,642 offences to 2,393 offences. This follows an increase recorded the previous year from 2,511 to 2,642. This year's decrease represents 9.4% or 249 crimes. The detection rate for this particular offence has also increased by 8.4% or an additional 125 crimes detected: from 806 crimes detected in 2009/10 to 931 crimes in this category detected in 2010/11.

### **Sexual offences**

The number of sexual offences reported during this period decreased by 14.6% (from 164 recorded incidents to 140 recorded incidents). The detection rate for this particular offence has decreased slightly for this period from 19.5% to 19.3%.

### **Robberies**

Robberies for the period have decreased appreciably from 77 to 58 recorded incidents. This follows a slight increase last year when the number of robberies increased from 71 recorded in 2008/09 to 77 recorded in 2009/10. The detection rate for this particular offence has also increased from 22.1% of robberies detected in 09/10 to 24.1% detected in 10/11. This represents an increase of 2.0%.

### **Burglary**

Recorded incidents of burglary increased during the period in question – up from 553 recorded incidents in 2009/10 to 595 recorded incidents in 2010/11. This represents a significant increase of 7.6% with domestic burglary increasing slightly by 1.4% over the same period. It is worrying that the PSNI in Foyle still believe that the majority of domestic burglaries are preventable if homeowners ensured that all windows and doors were locked when vacating the property. Detection rates for both burglary and domestic burglary have also decreased this year.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Incidents of vehicle crime have increased substantially this year from 319 recorded in 2009/10 to 348 recorded in 2010/11. This represents an increase of 29 incidents of vehicle crime or 9.0%. The detection rate for vehicle crime has increased by 12.3% from 65 crimes detected to 73 crimes detected in 10/11.

### **Fraud and forgery**

Fraud and forgery crimes have decreased this year with 117 incidents recorded compared to 123. This represents a decrease of 4.9%. Detection rates for this crime have increased notably from 22.8% in 2009/10 to 38.5% in 2010/11 – an increase of 15.7% or 13 additional crimes detected.

### **Offences against the State**

This category of offence has decreased from 116 recorded incidents in 2009/10 to 105 recorded incidents this year. This represents a decrease of 11 recorded incidents or 9.5%. The detection rate for this type of offence has decreased appreciably from 69.8% to 47.6% - a decrease of 22.2% or 31 detections.

## **Domestic violence**

Domestic violence now comes under the remit of the Public Protection Unit, which deals with incidents of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse. The Unit is also involved in the Area Sex Offender Risk Management Committee. This year has witnessed a drop in the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse from 950 recorded in 09/10 to 822 recorded in 10/11.

## **Anti-social Behaviour**

Incidents of this nature increased slightly from 5939 incidents in 09/10 to 5950 incidents in 10/11. This represents a slight increase of 0.2%. Alcohol remains one of the main contributory factors to anti-social behaviour and the PSNI continue to seize alcohol from children and young people through 'Operation Snapper'. The extension of the area covered by the on-street drinking byelaw should also help reduce anti-social behaviour in Foyle area.

## **Road Safety**

The number of people killed in the district on the road remained static at six fatalities when compared to the same period last year. Serious injuries as a result of road traffic accidents increased unfortunately from 37 to 42. This represents a percentage increase of 13.5%.

## **Policing with the Community**

The initiatives, which the police undertook in relation to community policing, include:

- **Community Safety Forums** – These initiatives involve statutory, community and voluntary organisations coming together to address fear of crime and anti-community behaviour. The partnerships have proved extremely successful and have been identified as a template for other areas of the city.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes** – Twelve neighbourhood watch areas have been established in the Foyle area (Aberfoyle, Maydown, Hampstead, Oakfield, Eglinton, Brickfield Court, Fr. Mulvey Park, Fortwilliam, Apex Housing, Lowry's Lane, Blackthorn Manor and Glenbrook House). Work is ongoing to establish further neighbourhood watch schemes within Foyle with a further two applications being processed. A quarterly newsletter is also produced to promote the concept of Neighbourhood Watch in Foyle with bi-monthly co-ordinators meetings organised by the DPP Manager.
- **Policing with the Community Strategy** – A Policing with the Community Strategy has been developed by G District to ensure that all officers operating in the area

are 'visible, accessible, responsive and reliable'. Members of Derry DPP were updated on the strategy and its actions at a private meeting.

- **Operation Exposure** – Through the use of local media Operation Exposure has helped police to identify and prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity. Currently between 75%-80% of the photos appearing in the press have been identified due to public cooperation. The Derry DPP has raised concerns about this Operation specifically in relation to the young age of the people appearing in the photos.

### **Foyle Community Safety Projects**

City Centre Assault Reduction Strategy  
Interagency Domestic Violence Strategy  
Protocol to Tackle Crime at Schools  
Partnership protocol to Tackle Problems of Hate Crimes  
Policing with the Community Strategy  
City Warden Scheme  
Young People's Independent Advisory Group

### **Conclusion**

Overall recorded crime in the Derry City Council area reduced from 7656 crimes in 09/10 to 7446 crimes in 10/11. This represented a reduction of 210 crimes or 2.7%. Of the 7446 recorded crimes: -

- 1) The biggest decrease was in violent crime – decrease of 292 incidents recorded.
- 2) Offences against the person decreased by 249 incidents.
- 3) Non trafficking drug offences showed the largest percentage increase in recorded incidents going from 115 to 152. This equates to a rise of 32.2%.
- 4) Sexual offences, robbery, vehicle tampering/interference and violent crime all decreased by over 10% (sexual offences down by 14.6%, robbery down by 24.7%, vehicle tampering/interference down by 38.2% and violent crime down overall by 10.1%)
- 5) For the third year running detection rates in Foyle increased - from 25.5% to 28.0%. This follows a clearance rate increase of 3.6% the previous year (from 21.9% to 25.5%).
- 6) The police have been successful in tackling drug dealing, robbery and thefts. In Foyle more drug dealers have been prosecuted than ever before. A number of robbery gangs have also been targeted, arrested and dismantled although the number of burglaries has increased by 7.6%. The substantial increase in the theft of motor vehicles is worrying and police are making the public aware of precautions to take to deter 'creeper' burglaries. The Derry DPP will continue to

monitor PSNI performance to ensure that the residents and visitors alike receive a professional and quality service from the police.

Some themes emerge on closer scrutiny

- a) Increasing amount of police time and resources being directed to deal with the increased terrorist threat.
- b) Additional staff allocated to bolster Neighbourhood Police Teams in Foyle, specifically in the Cityside.
- c) Excellent anti-drugs performance again this year but worrying increase in the level car thefts and burglaries (especially commercial burglary).

Significant reductions occurred in the:

1. Number of incidents of sexual offences (-14.6%)
2. Number of robberies (-24.7%)
3. Number of incidents of violent crime (-10.1%)

Issues to be addressed in the 2011/12 Foyle Local Policing Plan

1. Reduce the total number of burglaries by 5%
2. To establish a baseline of the number of anti-social behaviour incidents during the first quarter and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters.
3. To report on: seizures of alcohol from young people, referrals to Youth Diversion Officers and referrals to Derry City Council for breach of the on street drinking bye-law.
4. In partnership with other agencies to contribute to reducing the number of adults and children killed or seriously injured on the road.
5. To establish a protocol on how the police deal with victims of crime to include engagement, communications, call back and update on the results of investigations.
6. To report on detections for: excess speed, careless driving, dangerous driving, non wearing of seatbelts, drink/drug driving, misuse of mobile phones, disqualified driving and driving with no insurance.
7. To reduce the incidents of repeat victimisation of domestic abuse.
8. To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 3%
9. To increase the number of drugs seizures by at least 5%.
10. To report on the detection rate for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs every quarter.
11. To increase the number of planned drug searches in Foyle
12. To arrange at least one joint PSNI and DPP education event to raise awareness of illegal drugs and dangerous substances.
13. Each Neighbourhood Policing Team to arrange a drug awareness initiative in their local neighbourhood.

### Local Crime from 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011

The following table details crime statistics for Foyle Area Command and provide a direct comparison with the same period last year.

Table 2

Issue	01/04/09 – 31/03/10	01/04/10 – 31/03/11	Difference
Offences against the person	2642	2393	-9.4
Sexual Offences	164	140	-14.6%
Robbery	77	71	-24.7
Burglary	553	595	+7.6%
Domestic Burglaries	352	357	+1.4%
Theft	1533	1689	+10.2%
Theft from/of Vehicles	319	348	+9.1%
Fraud and Forgery	123	117	-4.9%
Criminal Damage	2079	2034	-2.2%
Offences Against the State	116	105	-9.5%
Other notifiable offences	369	315	-14.6%
Total Violent Crime (includes offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery)	2883	2591	-10.1%
Total recorded crimes	7656	7446	-2.7%

**Red** – Need for Improvement

**Black** – Improved Figures

Overall detection rates for Foyle have increased for the third year from 25.5% of crimes detected in 2009/10 to 28.0% of crimes detected in 2010/11. This shows a welcome increase of 2.5% in the crime detection rate for Foyle.

## **Local Policing Plan Targets 2010 -2011**

- *To reduce the total number of robberies by 5%* – The total number of robberies in Foyle decreased from 77 in 09/10 to 58 in 10/11. Decrease of 24.7%. **Target achieved.**
- *To reduce the incidence of repeat victimisation of domestic abuse by 10%* - The number of incidents of repeat victimisation of domestic abuse decreased from 950 incidents to 822 incidents. Decrease of 13.5%. **Target achieved.**
- *To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%* – The number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes reduced from 986 crimes in 09/10 to 895 crimes in 10/11. A reduction of 9.2%. **Target achieved.**
- *In partnership with other agencies to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road* – Although the number of people killed on the road remained static at six the number of people seriously injured increased from 37 to 42. An increase of 13.5%. **Target not achieved**
- *To increase the detection rate for possession with intent to supply controlled drugs by 10%* – Although the number of people charged with intent to supply increased from 34 to 37, it only represents an increase of 8.8%. **Target not achieved.**
- *To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/01/2011* – Incidents of anti-social behaviour increased slightly from 5939 in 09/10 to 5950 in 10/11. This represents an increase of 0.2%. **Target not achieved.**

## **Section Two – Results of Primary Consultation**

### **2010 NISRA Survey Results**

As mentioned previously, in the report, the Central Survey Unit of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) was commissioned to carry out a postal questionnaire survey on behalf of DPPs during February and March 2010 involving 74000 households across Northern Ireland (one in ten of all households). These households were randomly selected from the Valuation and Lands Agency list of private addresses. Twenty-two questions in total were posed in the questionnaire covering both general and local issues. Survey results at Northern Ireland level are used to help set performance indicators and targets for the Annual Northern Ireland Policing Plan.

The survey results are used to determine (1) what local people perceive as the main concerns in relation to crime; (2) where people believe police resources should be primarily concentrated on and (3) satisfaction levels with the service delivered by local policing and the District Policing Partnership.

### **2010 Northern Ireland Survey Results**

During the 2010 Survey a total of 15675 questionnaires were returned representing a response rate of 21%. Protestant respondents completed a total of 55% of the questionnaires, 32% were from Catholic respondents. 3% of respondents stated a religion other than Protestant or Catholic and 6% of respondents stated “No Religion” with a further 5% of respondents not providing any answer to this question. More females (49%) returned questionnaires than males (47%) and 4% of respondents declined to disclose their gender.

Analysis of the 15675 returns by age category was as follows:

Age 16-24 – 1%

Age 25-40 – 18%

Age 41-60 – 40%

Age 61 and over – 39%

No answer given – 2%

## **2010 NISRA - Derry City Council District Survey Results**

A total of 4224 questionnaires were issued throughout the Derry City Council area and 772 questionnaires were returned representing a response rate of 18%. Protestant respondents completed 28% of the questionnaires, 60% were from Catholic respondents, 3% of respondents stated a religion other than Protestant or Catholic, 6% stated "No Religion" and 3% of respondents did not answer the question. More females (51%) returned questionnaires than males (47%) and 2% of respondents did not disclose their gender.

The neighbourhood responses were as follows

Foyle City Centre	- 81 responses (10%)
Foyle City North	- 156 responses (20%)
Foyle City West	- 130 responses (17%)
Waterside Rural	- 104 responses (13%)
Waterside Urban	- 286 responses (37%)

In 15 of the returned questionnaires, the neighbourhood was not disclosed.

### **Summary of Responses**

#### 2.1 Main Concerns

This section provides a summary of the findings of respondents across the council area to the Derry 2010 NISRA Survey questions. For completeness the Northern Ireland results for the 2010 NISRA survey have been included for comparison purposes. Full details of all statistics are available on the DPPs website at [www.districtpolicing.com](http://www.districtpolicing.com)

#### **What do you feel are currently the biggest policing problems in your District Council? (All mentions).**

Respondents were asked to select the five biggest policing problems in their area from a given list and to rank these five problems in priority order. Table 3 below shows the percentage of respondents who rated each issue within their five biggest concerns in the Council area (All Mentions) for the 2010 NISRA survey and in comparison with the Northern Ireland NISRA survey.

From the Derry DPP 2010 NISRA survey the main concerns were anti-social behaviour (85%), road traffic offences (63%), burglary (56%), drug dealing and drug use/abuse (56%) and violent crime (36%). It should be noted that the options under this policing problem category reduced from 25 options in the 2008 survey to 9 options in the 2010 survey.

Respondents concerns around anti social behaviour, road traffic offences, burglary, drug dealing and violent crime have remained as priority issues over the last three years in both the local and NI surveys. The top four priority areas are predominantly the same both locally from the 2008 and 2010 surveys and Northern Ireland wide from the 2010 survey.

Table3: NISRA/Derry DPP Consultation 2010

Issues	Rank	NISRA (Derry City Council) 2010 Total %	Rank	NISRA (Northern Ireland) 2010 Total %
Anti-social behaviour	1	85%	1	82%
Road Traffic Offences	2	63%	3	64%
Burglary	=3	56%	2	74%
Drug dealing and drug use/abuse	=3	56%	4	55%
Violent Crime	5	36%	6	38%
Vehicle Crime	6	34%	5	39%
Hate Crime	7	25%	7	23%
Domestic Violence/Abuse	8	22%	9	18%
Paramilitary Activity	9	17%	8	22%

Interpretation of these results will play an important role in shaping future policing priorities at both a Northern Ireland and a local level. The main activities are summarised in Table 2 below under (a) Problems or issues ranked in the top 5 and (b) Problems or issues ranked as No 1

### **Main Concerns (Derry DPP 2010 NISRA Household Survey)**

Table 4

<i>Problems or issues ranked in the top 5</i>	<i>Problems or issues ranked as No 1</i>
<i>1 Anti-social behaviour (85%)</i>	<i>1 Anti-social Behaviour (51%)</i>
<i>2 Road traffic offences (63%)</i>	<i>2 Road Traffic Offences (14%)</i>
<i>=3 Burglary (56%)</i>	<i>3 Burglary (11%)</i>
<i>=3 Drug dealing and drug use/abuse (56%)</i>	<i>4 Drug dealing and drug use/abuse (8%)</i>
<i>5 Violent Crimes (36%)</i>	<i>5 violent Crime</i>

Figure 1: Policing Issues (First Rank)-Derry DPP NISRA Survey 2010

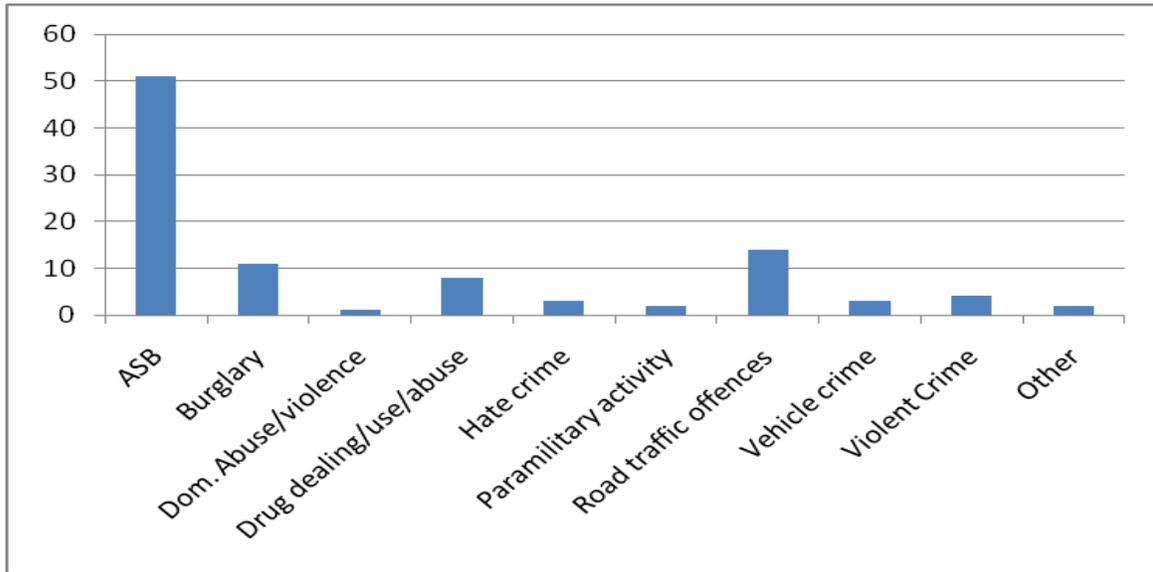
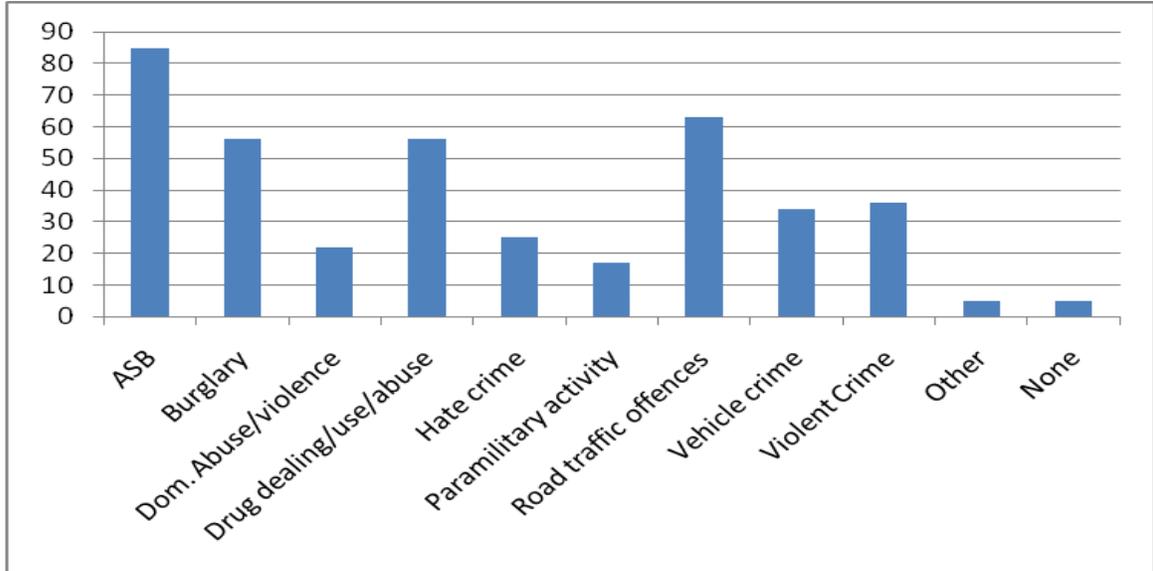


Figure 2: Policing Issues (All Mentions)-Derry DPP NISRA Survey 2010



Within the NISRA survey Derry DPP had the opportunity to ask two local questions and it was agreed that the following questions should included in the Derry survey:

1. How much confidence do you have in the police’s ability to provide an ordinary day-to-day policing service for all the people in the Foyle area?
2. Do you think the PSNI is doing a good job in the Foyle area?

The responses received to these local questions are outlined below:

Table 5

All responses	Male %	Female %	Total %
Total Confidence	4%	5%	5%
A lot of Confidence	20%	14%	17%
Some Confidence	43%	44%	43%
Little Confidence	23%	22%	22%
No Confidence at all	7%	5%	6%
Don’t know	3%	9%	6%
No answer ticked	1%	1%	1%

The survey responses show that almost 2/3 or 65% of people have at least some confidence in the police’s ability to provide an ordinary day-to-day policing service for all the people in the Foyle area. However, 28% of those responding to the survey stated that they had little or no confidence in the police’s ability to provide an ordinary day-to-day policing service for all the people in Foyle.

Table 6

All responses	Male %	Female %	Total %
Yes	36%	30%	33%
No	25%	17%	21%
Don’t know	37%	52%	44%
No answer ticked	3%	2%	3%

The survey responses show that only 1/3 or 33% of people felt that the police were doing a good job in the Foyle area while over 1 in 5 respondents or 21% felt that the police were not doing a good job in the Derry City Council area. What is significant is that 44% of respondents did not know whether police were doing a good job in Foyle or not.

### **Section Three – PACT Youth Group Engagement**

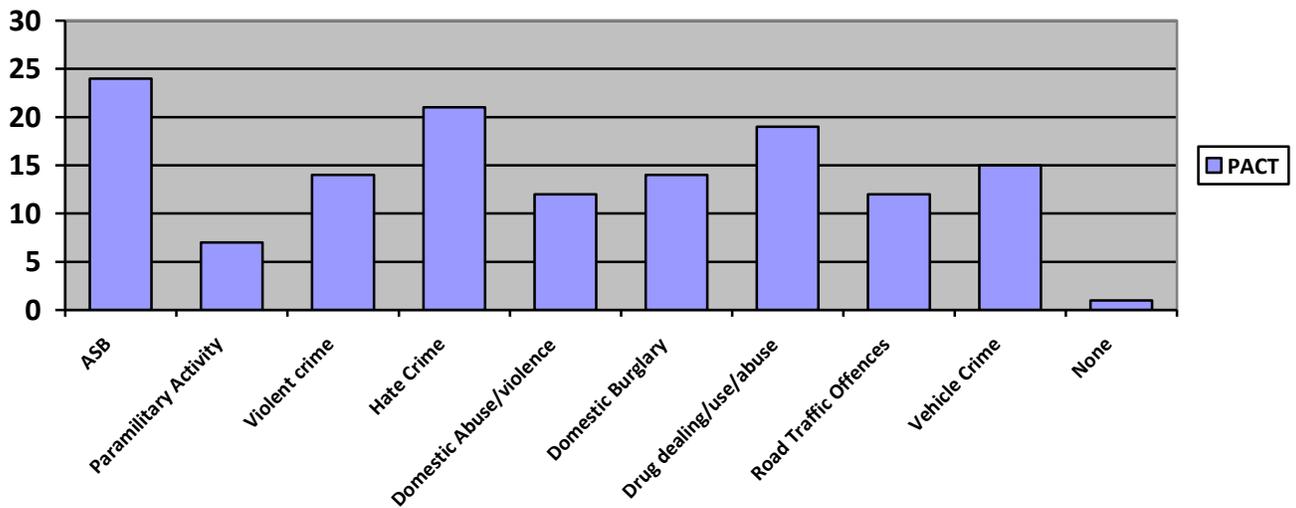
As part of its ongoing consultation process the Derry DPP realised that a household surveys generally attracts minimal response from people aged eighteen or under. In an effort to capture the views of this important section of our community the DPP engaged with the local PACT Youth Group through an interactive session with the young people on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011.

The Derry DPP facilitated this meeting and six members of the DPP (both elected and independent) attended the session in the Waterfoot Hotel. Thirty-eight young people, aged between 13 and 18 participated in the event and completed the DPP questionnaires. Completion of these questionnaires enabled the young people to articulate their perceptions of and attitudes to local policing and allowed them to identify the main issues they believed the police should be dealing with in the area.

At this session the young people were informed of the roles and responsibilities of the District Policing Partnership and were encouraged to participate in public meetings organised by the DPP. The Derry DPP welcomed this important engagement with young people especially as this age group is generally regarded as 'hard to reach' and is often considered as the primary cause of nuisance, anti-social behaviour etc.

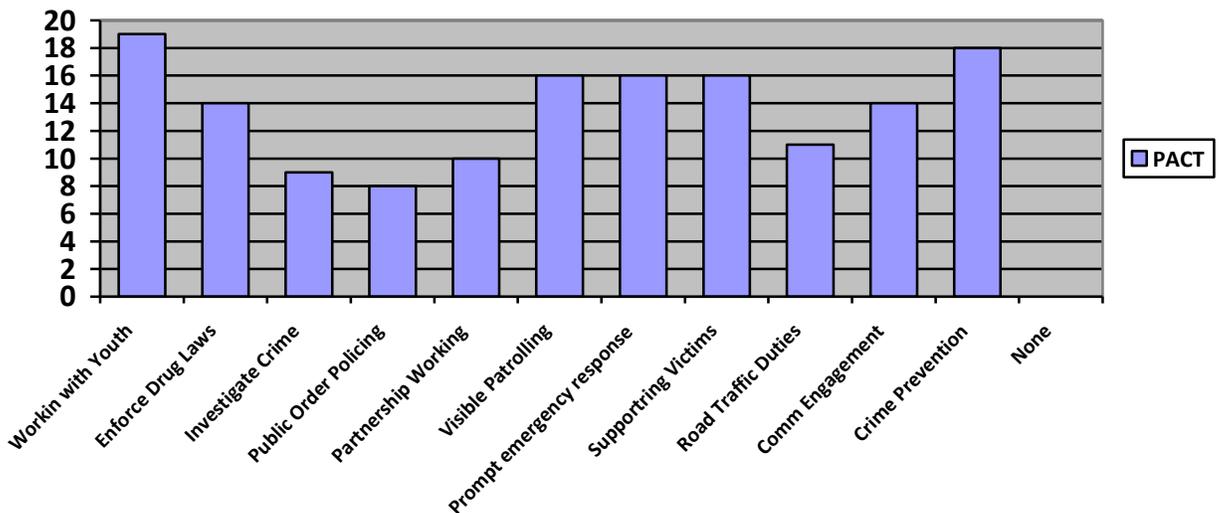
It was also important for the Derry DPP to take on board the views of young people on policing as they are to all intents and purposes excluded from household surveys, standard consultations etc. The 2010 NISRA Survey for Derry DPP received only 8 responses out of a total of 772 from people aged under 25. This equates to a response rate of only 1% from an age category that makes up over 40% of the population residing in the Council area.

Figure 3: Policing Issues (All mentions) - Derry DPP / PACT Engagement 2011



It is interesting to note from these responses that younger people find that Hate Crime is much more of an issue in Foyle than householders think it is. Sixty-five percent of young people feel it is an issue while only 25% of householders felt it was a major issue. Also only 37% of young people thought that Road Traffic Offences was a major issue while 63% of respondents to the household survey believed it was a major issue for the police.

Figure 6: Policing Priorities (All mentions) - Derry DPP / PACT Engagement Responses 2011



From these responses it is clear that younger people feel that the police need to engage more with the youth although they also recognise that crime prevention is a major priority for the police.

## Section Four – DPP Meetings in Public and Private Meetings

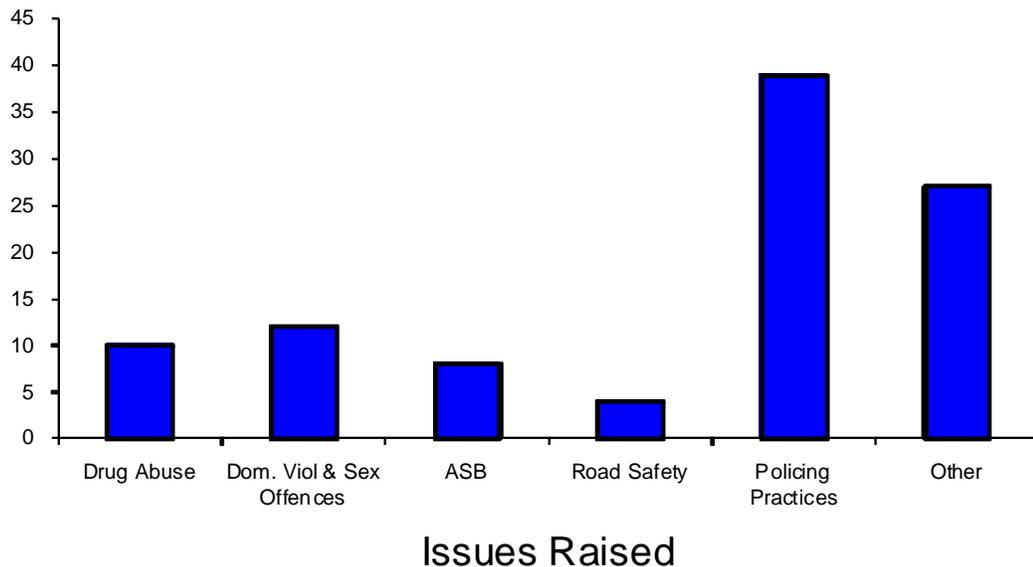
### Analysis of Questions submitted to (1) DPP public and private meetings (2) Derry DPP input/submissions to Local and Annual Policing Plans

This section of the report will highlight some of the main findings from other consultative methods that have been undertaken by the Derry DPP. This information has been obtained from written questions submitted to DPP public and private meetings and input by Derry DPP to Local and Annual Policing Plans.

The questions tabled at these meetings by members of the public and questions raised by DPP Members were analysed to identify the priority issues concerning the local communities about policing in their areas.

Aside from questions or concerns raised regarding police resources, practices or police operations, the main issues and concerns highlighted from Fig 4 below are: Drug availability/use and abuse, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence and sexual offences, road safety.

**Figure 7: Discussion Points/Questions raised at DPP Meetings  
October 2010 - September 2011**



## **Section Five**

### **5.1 Conclusions and Policing Priorities**

In order to set priorities for the Local Policing Plan, the Derry District Policing Partnership will, as its remit requires, take account of the views expressed by as wide and diverse a section of the community as possible. This consultation process involves seeking out those elements, groups, agencies which may not ordinarily have an opportunity to have their concerns expressed in this type of forum, as well as the views of the general public. It is important when setting priorities that the Partnership distinguishes between perceived crime trends and actual recorded crime. Primary factors should be taken into consideration when setting priorities, particularly in terms of the seriousness and impact upon the quality of life for people in the Council area; the financial impact associated with the issue; size – how big is the issue, does it require a multi agency approach to resolve; and urgency – what will happen if no action is taken on this issue?

### **5.2 Policing priorities identified by Derry District Policing Partnership**

In taking into consideration all the findings from the two quantitative local surveys, issues raised at DPP public and private meetings, recommendations from the Partnership in relation to the planning process and local crime statistics, the policing concerns and priorities identified will be suggested for discussion in formulating next year's Local Policing Plan (2012/13).

## **Section Six**

### **6.0 How to contact Derry District Policing Partnership**

The Derry District Policing Partnership would like to hear your views on local policing issues and would encourage you to attend their Public Meetings or to send your comments or questions in writing to the following:

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98 Strand Road  
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BT48 7NN

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