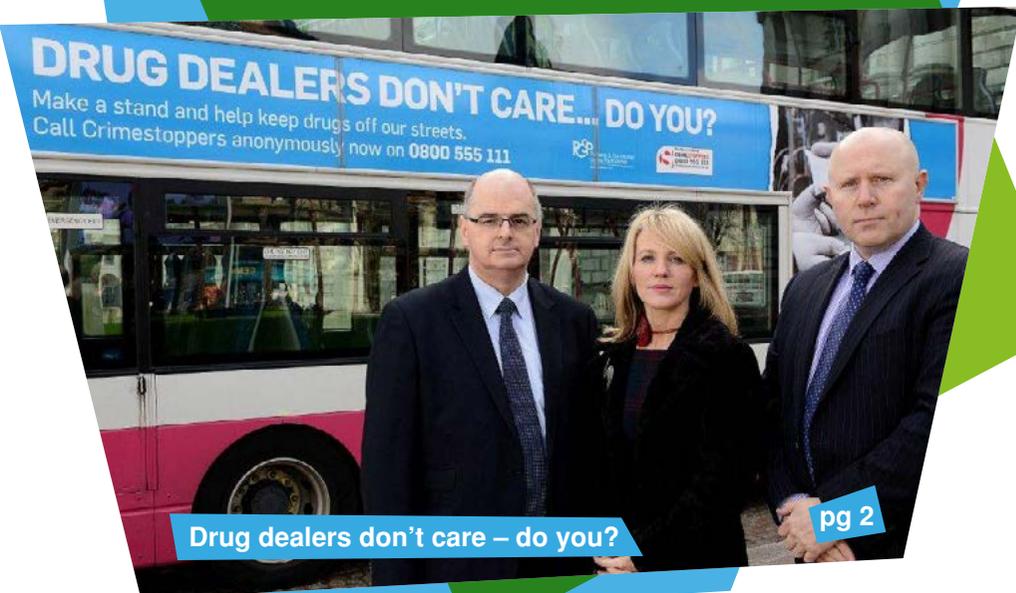


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Drug dealers don't care – do you?



Pictured at the launch of the Drug dealers don't care - do you? Anti-drugs campaign are (l-r): Belfast PCSP Member Pat Convery, Policing Board Member Debbie Watters and PSNI Detective Chief Superintendent Roy McComb.



Belfast PCSP is leading on a hard hitting anti-drugs campaign which is to be rolled out across Northern Ireland. It aims to highlight the fact that very often individual members of a community are the ones with the knowledge which could help tackle the increasing problem of both illegal drugs and 'legal highs', and hopes to encourage more people to report drug-related activity in their area. According to PSNI figures*, there have been 906 drug related deaths here from 2002 to 2012.

Speaking at the launch Policing Board Member Debbie Watters welcomed the campaign and multi-agency approach. She said:

“There is no avoiding the hold drugs has on many areas of our society. The negative impact of drugs and alcohol on all ages, but particularly young people, is a grave concern.

What is very welcome in this campaign is the commitment to not just encourage reporting of those involved with drugs, but the focus put on raising awareness and educating people about the impact of drugs on people's lives and society as a whole. This is not just a policing issue, a health issue, an educational issue but a societal issue which needs the support of those

across government bodies and society to challenge the culture we have here.”

Belfast PCSP Member Cllr Pat Convery explained that the aim of the campaign is to get drugs off our streets, and to give people the confidence to report drug dealing in their community.

He said: *“This campaign is run in partnership with Crimestoppers to encourage people to report anything they're aware of to do with drugs or drug dealing in their communities, and reminding them that they can do this in complete confidence and anonymously if they wish.”*

To find out more about the campaign,

[click here](#)

* Figures @24/2/14

Excellence at The Rowan



Karen Douglas, The Rowan Service Manager, NHSCT with Inspector Anne Marks from the PSNI and unit staff.

The Rowan, the regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre for Northern Ireland based at Antrim Area Hospital, was recently awarded joint first prize for the Health and Social Care Quality Award at the Institute of Healthcare Management awards ceremony. The Rowan is a purpose-built centre which is safe and secure and has highly experienced staff who will work to ensure individuals affected by sexual abuse or violence receive the support or guidance required.

Karen Douglas, Manager of The Rowan for the Northern Trust, said: "The award highlights the importance of collaborative and innovative work between the PSNI and Health & Social Care in responding to the needs of individuals affected by sexual violence. The Centre has been accepting referrals since May 2013, providing services and

support to over **360*** people who have been sexually abused, assaulted or raped. The service is available 24/7, 365 days a year and anyone affected by sexual abuse can self-refer by calling 0800 389 4424 or report to the police.

The Centre provides a co-ordinated package of care to promote recovery and wellbeing and, if requested by the service-user, works in collaboration with the PSNI to greatly enhance the investigative process. A 24 hour advice and information line is also available at 0800 389 4424.

Further information on the services offered, including details on confidentiality, can be found on The Rowan website

[click here](#)

* Figures @ 24/2/14

Help for victims...

Victim Support NI was joined by the Justice Minister to launch its new bus shelter ad campaign designed to raise awareness of the organisation's Criminal Injuries Compensation Service.

The service is designed to assist and support people who have been injured by violent crime, to receive financial compensation

for their injuries. The service is fully funded by the Department and is delivered by Victim Support NI free of charge, from the initial application, through to the final decision.

Find out more from Victim Support:

[click here](#)



Justice Minister David Ford pictured with Victim Support's managers Jolene Welsh and Wendy Stewart at the launch of their bus shelter advertising campaign.

Improving outcomes...



Pupils from Devenish College, Enniskillen at the event.

The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) and Fermanagh PCSP recently co-hosted an event in the Ardhowen Theatre. Bringing together 250 young people with representatives from statutory, voluntary and community organisations, discussions centred on the support services currently available and how these can be improved in the future.

A play entitled 'Don't say a word' and performed by Patricia Byrne commenced proceedings and explored the complexities of domestic violence and the effects it can have on victims. In a Young People's Behaviour and Attitudes Survey (2010) 28% of pupils in years 11 & 12 think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship.

Cllr Rosemary Barton, PCSP Chair and member of Fermanagh Locality Planning Group (LPG) said: **"We are committed to**

raising awareness of the issue of domestic abuse and this play is part of a wider programme supported by the Partnership."

The morning session of the event was concluded with an information fair that provided local organisations the opportunity to reach out to young people and showcase their services. The CYPSP Western Outcomes Group and Fermanagh LPG were later joined by the Parent Reference Group to discuss future services and how to address the issues raised by children and young people in Fermanagh.

Locality planning involves frontline staff from the community, voluntary and statutory sector working together with children, young people and families to improve outcomes in the area. To find out more:

[click here](#)

Intergenerational project picking up pace...



PCSP members and local community workers discuss the potential of all-age approaches to community safety at a LGNI workshop in Irvinestown.

Linking Generation's DOJ funded project 'Intergenerational Safer Communities' is taking shape. LGNI hosted two workshops in January, one in Coleraine with around 60 members of Coleraine, Moyle, Ballymoney and Limavady PCSPs and one in Irvinestown with PCSP and community representatives from Omagh and Fermanagh.

The workshops provided:

- Information about LGNI's 'Intergenerational Safer Communities' project;
- An opportunity to reflect on the potential of all-age approaches

to contribute to building safer, shared and confident communities;

- Detail on the support that LGNI can provide; and
- Opportunity to develop ideas to support/initiate intergenerational approaches in PCSP areas.

Further workshops are being planned. Find out more from LGNI

[click here](#)

Bee Safe



Ballymena Mayor Cllr Audrey Wales MBE pictured at the Ballymena Bee Safe 2014 event with representatives of Ballymena PCSP and members of Alternative Angles, an ESF funded project providing social enterprise, training and employment opportunities for adults with learning difficulties, who packed goodie bags for distribution at the event.

Ballymena

The Bee Safe campaign continues to be rolled out across the PCSPs providing a really important message to primary school pupils. BeeSafe helps pupils learn how to react to dangerous situations and how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

Over 700 P7 children from 26 schools in Ballymena North took part in a recent BeeSafe event to learn about safety and develop community awareness,

preparing pupils for the transition to secondary education.

PCSP Chair James Currie said:

“Moving from Primary to Secondary level education is a daunting experience for many pupils and Bee Safe is an excellent mechanism whereby parents and teachers can be confident that their young people are as well-equipped as possible for that transition.”



Primary 7 pupils from local schools in Strabane learn about bus safety from Susan O'Neill of Translink

Strabane

Over 200 Strabane P7 pupils heard similar messages at an event organised by the PCSP.

Strabane PCSP Chair, Cllr Thomas Kerrigan said:

“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, know 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”.

'LIFE' Graduates



Young people from Ballymena who participated in NIFRS 'LIFE' Scheme held recently at Ballymena Fire Station with the support of Ballymena PCSP.



Young people participating in NIFRS 'LIFE' Scheme held recently at Pomeroy Fire Station pictured with local Firefighters and representatives from Cookstown PCSP.

With the support of PCSPs in Cookstown and Ballymena, 24 young people from these areas recently graduated from Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service's Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) Scheme.

The 5 day youth engagement programmes were delivered to the young people aged between

13-17 years old by local Firefighters from Pomeroy and Ballymena Fire Stations. The aim of the programme was to help build a better understanding for young people about their fire and rescue service and the work that NIFRS does in protecting our community. Dale Ashford, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, NIFRS said:

"The 24 young people who graduated have all worked extremely hard and I congratulate them on their achievement. Through practical skills based demonstrations they will have gained an insight into the work of our Firefighters and by discussing the impact of deliberate fires, hoax calls and attacks on Firefighters they will be aware of the potential consequences of these acts."

More information on the NIFRS Life Graduate Scheme can be obtained from NIFRS

[click here](#)



Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service

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Tackling Online Bullying



Pictured at one of the plays are (l-r): Helena Bracken, Nexus Institute, Mark Scallon St Michael's College, Enniskillen, Joseph Gormley St Michael's College, Enniskillen, Stuart Gibson Actor, Cllr Rosemary Barton PCSP Chair, Grace Girvan Beam Creative Network, Catherine McGirr, Actor, Katie Thompson and Caitlin Jonston from Enniskillen Collegiate Grammar.



(l-r) Ian Coulter, Youth Justice Agency, Con Gary McKeown, Brownlow PSNI, David Mayers, PCSP, Cllr McKenna, Chair of PCSP, Kieran Corr, MADS and Sarah Wilson, PCSP Manager.

Fermanagh

PCSPs have been highlighting the increasingly prevalent problem of cyber bullying amongst young people. Cyber bullying has been identified in a survey carried out by the Fermanagh Youth Council as the second most important issue for young people in the county.

In response, the PCSP facilitated 4 plays with Beam Creative Network to over 700 post primary students which explored some of the issues facing young people.

Speaking at one of the plays, PCSP Chair Rosemary Barton said: ***“Too many of our young people are being hurt by cyber bullies.***

This play sends a clear message that cyber bullying is a serious act with serious consequences. It also reassures anyone who is a victim of cyber bullying that there are organisations they can turn to for advice and support.”

Craigavon

Over in Craigavon, more than 150 parents and young people attended a PCSP Safety First event which included a short play illustrating how close cyber bullying can be and an interactive workshop with the PSNI to help educate young people on how to avoid certain situations.

PCSP Chair Cllr Gemma McKenna explained that the event aimed to help parents and young people be more

aware of social networking and internet safety and equip them with the tools required to keep safe when using the internet.

She said: ***“Craigavon PCSP, with our partners, is committed to reducing social networking and internet abuse within the Borough and we will continue to implement similar events.”***

Contact your local PCSP if you want more information on this.

It's survey time....



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We know you all love a good survey and we know you love inpartnership magazine, so we have joined them together to bring you a survey on inpartnership. The ezine was introduced as a pilot and we now really want to know what you think about it, any comments you have on whether we should continue to publish it and if so, any changes you would like to see. It won't take long to record your views and you have until 21 March 2014 to let us know what you think. **You can complete the survey by clicking here**

[click here](#)

Thank you for your input!

PCSPs praised

Justice Minister David Ford praised the work of PCSPs during an update to the Justice Committee on progress in delivering the Community Safety Strategy. **Click here to find out more about the strategy and comments made.**

[click here](#)

What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month. For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP.

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