

## Community Outreach

The PPS Community Outreach Strategy for 2012-2014 published in July 2012 includes a number of key milestones which the Service will seek to achieve over the next three years in order to deliver the objectives of the strategy.

During the second quarter of 2012 – 13 there was a series of outreach events and activities across the PPS. These included:

- Participation in multi agency events such as a seminar on 'Speedy Justice', the launch of the Organised Crime Task Force Annual Report, a seminar with DHSS and NSPCC re safeguarding sexually active young people, meetings with DHSSPS and Police re a joint protocol for vulnerable adults;
- Participation in multi agency working groups such as a cross border working group on the Mutual Recognition of Penalty Points, Skills for Justice group;
- Meetings with local elected representatives including MPs and MLAs;
- Attendance at media events and attendance at and presentation to the Justice Committee in respect of Victim and Witness Care Units;
- Presentations to Victims' and Voluntary Sector Groups, such as South Eastern Local Domestic Violence Partnership AGM,
- Meetings with organisations such as Amnesty International, Women's Aid, groups affected by Hate Crime and the British Irish Rights Watch;
- Meetings with Victims and Witnesses of crime;
- Presentations to and the provision of work experience to school groups including students from the University of Ulster and the Institute of Professional Legal Studies and Interns from Fordham University, USA;
- Provision of training and lectures to police, Criminal Justice Organisations, the Law Society NI Advanced Advocacy Course, Causeway staff, expert training to police in respect of rape and other sexual offences, special measures and witness anonymity orders, inputting into training of An Garda Siochana in respect of Human Trafficking;
- Meetings with Organisations such as NI Human Rights Commission to facilitate an inspection in relation to Hate Crime, Home Office, CPS, Prosecutor Fiscal's Office and Eurojust, EJM to discuss best practice in respect of restraint, confiscation and extradition files;
- Participation in community events such as MELA and Belfast Pride involving the provision of a stall to raise awareness of the role of the PPS and participation in a departmental competition to raise awareness and funds for Marie Curie.

Between July 2012 and September 2012 a total of 72 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx 273 hours.

<b>Statistics</b>			
Criminal justice Organisations	23	Victims/Witness Groups	5
Police	2	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	2
Providing Training	11	Community Groups	1
Voluntary Organisations	1	Schools/University	2
Meeting MLAs/MPs	2	Community Event	4
Judiciary/Solicitors	1	Media	3
Seminars/Conferences	8	Other	7
Minority Groups	0		

Those activities have been recorded as falling within the following groups and services as described in the outreach strategy. Of the activities recorded during this quarter 19 have been recorded as Key Milestone Events.

<b>People &amp; Groups Segment of NI Population</b>	
General Public	20
Local Communities	7
Section 75 Groups	9
Youths (10-17)	1
Children Under 10	0
Voluntary Sector Organisations	4

<b>Principle Services</b>	
Information Event	20
Inter – agency Work	43
Meeting the Community	9