

Community Outreach

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

During the first 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 Communicating with Vulnerable Witnesses, the provision of a stall at the YJA conference, attendance at NICS Live, the Justice Conference and the Attorney General's Colloquium on Speeding Up Justice ;
- Participation in multi agency working groups such as Children & Young People's Partnership Working Group, Rape Steering Group, Mutual Recognition of Penalty Points (NI &ROI), Skills for Justice, Joint Special Measures Action Group etc ;
- Meetings with local elected representatives including MPs and MLAs ;
- Radio and Television Broadcasts by the Director and articles in newspapers and journals
- Presentations to Victims', and Voluntary Sector Groups, such as Victim Support, Women's Aid, Rape Crisis and NSPCC;
- Meetings with Victims and Witnesses of crime ;
- Presentations to and the provision of work experience to school groups and students;
- Presentations to foreign prosecutors ;
- Facilitating visits by the Assistant District Attorney for New York City and the American council of Young Political Leaders ;
- Provision of training to police and other Criminal Justice Organisations in such matters as the role of the PPS, the provision of evidence, the preparation of files, what is expected at court, cross examination, hate crime and sexual offences ; and
- Meetings with Organisations such as Amnesty International to discuss human trafficking, CPS and Prosecutor Fiscals Office to discuss and compare administrative practises, Families against Supergrass Trials and NI Editors.

Between April 2012 and June 2012 a total of 113 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx 409 hours.

Statistics			
Criminal justice Organisations	37	Victims/Witness Groups	6
Police	9	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	4
Providing Training	11	Community Groups	3
Meeting MLAs/MPs	3	Schools/University	4
Judiciary/Solicitors	3	Community Event	2
Seminars/Conferences	12	Other	19