

## **Community Outreach**

### **April 2014 to June 2015**

The PPS Community Outreach Strategy includes a number of key milestones which the Service will seek to achieve in order to deliver the objectives of the strategy.

During the first quarter of 2014 – 15 there was a series of outreach events and activities across the PPS. These included:

- Participation in multi agency events such as regular meetings with PSNI, FSNI and Causeway, a meeting to discuss the barriers to justice for domestic and sexual abuse victims and a meeting to discuss Racist Hate Crime;
- Participation in multi agency working groups such as working with CJOs on Procedural Reform, participation in the Youth Engagement Project, participation in a joint pilot on Speeding up Justice led by the LCJ, participation in a workshop on Forced Labour and participation in the Strategic Partnership group on child exploitation;
- Participation in the launch of the Unite Against Hate Crime Campaign 2;
- Participation in seminars and conferences such as an international Conference of the Western Balkans Witness Protection Project;
- Participation at the annual lecture of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice;
- Participation at events such as Mental Health Training, Presentation on Autism by National Autism Society and VIPER Training;
- Meetings with local elected representatives including MPs and MLAs including a Public Evidence Session;
- Meetings with Victims and Witnesses of crime and their families;
- Provision of work experience to school and University Students;
- Meetings with representatives from other jurisdictions such as the Advocate General of England and Wales and the members of the New York Bar Association;
- Media appearances on Talk Back radio show and Spotlight.
- A visit by PPS staff to The Rowan, the regional Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) for Northern Ireland and a meeting with Women's Aid.

This quarter also included the official launch of the Victim and Witness Care Unit. The launch took place at the Ramada Hotel.

In attendance were members of the unit as well as many high ranking members of both PSNI, PPS and other associated and interested bodies. The event was recorded by both BBC and RTE.

Once the speeches finished VVCU members made themselves available for face time and enquiries should they be needed.

The event went well and those who attended left confident that the public are being well looked after by capable members of staff from within both the PSNI and PPS.

Between April 2014 and June 2014 a total of 88 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx. 310 hours.

<b>Statistics</b>			
Criminal Justice Organisations	31	Victims/Witness Groups	1
Police	14	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	2
Providing Training	1	Community Groups	0
Voluntary Organisations	1	Schools/University	6
Meeting MLAs/MPs	2	Community Event	2
Judiciary/Solicitors	3	Media	2
Seminars/Conferences	11	Other	11
Minority Groups	1		

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 14 have been recorded as Key Milestone Events.

<b>People &amp; Groups Segment of NI Population</b>	
General Public	20
Local Communities	1
Section 75 Groups	1
Youths (10-17)	1
Children Under 10	0
Voluntary Sector Organisations	2

<b>Principle Services</b>	
Information Event	21
Inter – agency Work	55
Meeting the Community	10