

## **Community Outreach**

### **January 2014 to March 2014**

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 those three years in order to deliver the objectives of the strategy.

During the Fourth quarter of 2013 – 14 there was a series of outreach events and activities across the PPS. These included:

- Participation in multi agency events such as the Attorney Generals Living Law Programme, DNA information event, the launch of the Autism Guide and the launch of the Domestic & Sexual Violence Helpline;
- Participation in multi-agency working groups such as the SBNI Strategic Partnership Group, the Regional Strategy Group on Domestic & Sexual Violence , the Procedural reform Group looking at Youth Courts and the Crown Court Project Group;
- Participation in a cross border conference on Trans-national Crime;
- Participation in seminars and conferences such as OLAF European Commission EU Criminal Conference, Hate Crime Conference with Scottish prosecutors and Domestic Violence Conference attended by representatives from social services and community groups;
- Provision of work experience to School and University Students including students from Cork;
- Presentation on Human Trafficking at NGO training event;
- Provision of training to organisations such as Nexus, NSPCC, FSNI and continuing participation in police training;
- A series of presentations to Women's Aid on Sexual offences and the role of the PPS;
- A presentation to the Antrim Policing and Community Safety Partnership on the role of the PPS in the Criminal Justice system;
- Meetings with organisations such as CPS, Prosecutor Fiscals Service and Amnesty International.

This quarter also included involvement in Community Events such as a coffee morning in aid of child brain injury and women's day event in Ballynahinch. There were also a number of meetings with victims, witnesses and MLAs.

Between January 2014 and March 2014 a total of 95 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx. 432 hours.

<b>Statistics</b>			
Criminal Justice Organisations	26	Victims/Witness Groups	0
Police	9	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	3
Providing Training	13	Community Groups	0
Voluntary Organisations	2	Schools/University	9
Meeting MLAs/MPs	2	Community Event	1
Judiciary/Solicitors	8	Media	1
Seminars/Conferences	12	Other	9
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 14 have been recorded as Key Milestone Events.

<b>People &amp; Groups Segment of NI Population</b>	
General Public	13
Local Communities	0
Section 75 Groups	10
Youths (10-17)	10
Children Under 10	0
Voluntary Sector Organisations	5

<b>Principle Services</b>	
Information Event	29
Inter – agency Work	59
Meeting the Community	5