

Community Outreach

January to March 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 Fourth 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 a Victims & Witnesses Strategy Planning workshop, the UK POCA Prosecutors meeting, and a Hate Crime delivery Group visit to RADAR;
- Participation in multi agency working groups such as the Criminal Justice Delivery Group, the Autism working Group, and the Human Trafficking Sub-group ;
- Participation in a cross border conference on Forced Labour and a meeting with CJO counterparts in the Republic of Ireland for Victim and Witnesses Project Advisory Bi-annual meeting at Ministry of Defence Dublin;
- Participation in seminars and conferences such as FCO British Embassy Bahrain Project re Juvenile Justice and a CPS conference on Terrorism Prosecutions;
- Participation in the provision of training to NCA officers re the submission of files to PPS;
- Provision of training to police in respect of the role of the PPS and the submission of files;
- A presentation to Belfast Migrants Forum on the role of the PPS and Hate Crime and a presentation to Women's Aid;
- Providing work experience for school students from across the province including a presentation on the role of the PPS to students from Down High School;
- Meetings with local elected representatives including MPs and MLAs from SDLP, Ulster Unionist, Sinn Fein, DUP and Alliance parties;
- Meetings with Victims and Witnesses of crime and their families;
- Involvement in a painting day in Praxis Care Newry.

Between January 15 and March 15 a total of 97 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx. 366 hours.

Statistics			
Criminal Justice Organisations	22	Victims/Witness Groups	2
Police	19	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	2
Providing Training	18	Community Groups	0
Voluntary Organisations	2	Schools/University	9
Meeting MLAs/MPs	7	Community Event	0
Judiciary/Solicitors	1	Media	2
Seminars/Conferences	5	Other	8
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 22 have been recorded as Key Milestone Events.

People & Groups Segment of NI Population	
General Public	20
Local Communities	5
Section 75 Groups	8
Youths (10-17)	6
Children Under 10	0
Voluntary Sector Organisations	3

Principle Services	
Information Event	23
Inter – agency Work	51
Meeting the Community	11