

## **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 second 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 Hate Crime Strategy meeting, a meeting with VSNI and DOJ re the Victim Personal Statements Scheme, a meeting re Potential Victims of Human Trafficking and a meeting to discuss the joint protocol for Vulnerable Adults;
- Participation in multi agency working groups such as PACE and Enforcement of Bail for Children, the Mutual legal Assistance workshop, attendance at a CAMHS workshop in Lurgan, participation in the Victim and Witnesses Steering Group and participation in the OCTF Drugs sub-group;
- A meeting with Home Office representatives dealing with MLA and European issues;
- Participation in seminars and conferences such as with Home Office representatives dealing with MLA and European issues and at the Rowan Centre where the guest speaker was Zoe Lodrick;
- Provision of training to police in relation to the presentation of viper evidence and training to interpreters about giving evidence in court;
- Meetings with local elected representatives including MPs and MLAs including a visit by David Ford re the introduction of live links and a meeting with Lord Carlisle;
- Meetings with Victims and Witnesses of crime and their families;
- Provision of work experience to school and University Students and provision of an internship to a student from Fordham University in New York;
- Media appearances such as an interview with BBC in respect of Hate Crime,

This quarter also included involvement in Community Events such as Belfast Pride and Belfast Mela.

A number of volunteers represented the PPS at the Belfast Pride festival held on Saturday 2 August 2014. This exciting annual cultural celebration is an ideal opportunity for the PPS to meet the public, raise awareness of our work generally and more specifically, continue to raise awareness of our Hate Crime Policy.

Between April 2014 and June 2014 a total of 64 outreach activities and events were recorded, involving a total staff contribution of approx. 661 hours.

<b>Statistics</b>			
Criminal Justice Organisations	24	Victims/Witness Groups	1
Police	5	Meeting Victims/Witnesses	3
Providing Training	6	Community Groups	0
Voluntary Organisations	1	Schools/University	1
Meeting MLAs/MPs	2	Community Event	2
Judiciary/Solicitors	0	Media	3
Seminars/Conferences	4	Other	12
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 9 have been recorded as Key Milestone Events.

<b>People &amp; Groups Segment of NI Population</b>	
General Public	17
Local Communities	0
Section 75 Groups	3
Youths (10-17)	1
Children Under 10	0
Voluntary Sector Organisations	4

<b>Principle Services</b>	
Information Event	15
Inter – agency Work	41
Meeting the Community	7