

The Craigavon Community Safety Partnership was formed in June 2003 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Craigavon Community Safety Partnership.

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across Craigavon and consultation with partner agencies and the community.

This strategy will focus the work of the partnership for the next three years. By setting ourselves demanding and challenging targets we will strive towards our vision of making Craigavon a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit within Craigavon.

OUR PURPOSE

To bring together the various statutory agencies and supporting groups who, through concentrated action, aim to reduce the levels of crime and disorder and improve the quality of life for those who live, work and visit Craigavon.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY
2005-2008



CRAIGAVON COMMUNITY
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

OUR PRIORITIES

This local strategy has reflected local circumstances and issues whilst taking account of the nine key issues identified in the Northern Ireland Community Safety Strategy:

- car crime;
- domestic burglary;
- business & retail crime;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- youth offending & reducing criminality;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- drug, substance & alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.



Our main priorities are:

Drug and alcohol abuse

Significant work has already been done but there remains work that can be carried out locally to address problems in relation to abuse of drugs, substances and alcohol.

Anti-social behaviour

The audit has revealed an increase in nuisance and disorder resulting in criminal damage, graffiti and fire setting. This needs to be addressed by all agencies as it is of high priority and major concern within the community.

Violent crime

Violent crime can impact on families and individuals both emotionally and economically. Given the prevalence and impact of such crimes and in consideration of local statistics this a high priority issue.

Neighbourhood safety

This is an area of significant concern and one that needs to be addressed to ensure people live, work and travel in safety within the Craigavon Borough.

Fear of crime

Fear of crime can have a devastating effect and there is a need to promote and deliver regional and local projects to give positive reassurance.

Prejudice and hatred

There is an established pattern of offences motivated by sectarianism and the audit also indicates prejudice does exist in Craigavon and this situation needs to be closely monitored.

Burglary

This is at an average level in Craigavon but in some wards burglary is above the NI average. There is a need to reduce domestic burglary, non-domestic burglary and vehicle crime burglary offences and there is also the need to address the growing fear of burglary.

Vehicle crime

The level of recorded car crime in Craigavon is of some concern and there needs to be regional and local campaigns to raise awareness of vehicle security.



PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- **April 2004 - Safe at Home event**
Providing reassurance and advice for older members of the community on remaining safe and secure in their own home;
- **December 2004 - Personal Safety Alarms Awards**
Age Concern, Women's Aid and Victim Support were given 100 personal safety alarms in order to strengthen their work and instill a sense of security for their users;
- **March 2005 - Craigavon Community Safety Strategy**
The results of a consultation process to identify the main issues and priorities to be addressed in the Craigavon Borough;
- **June 2005 - Community Safety Week**
The Community Safety Partnership will launch the Community Safety Strategy for the area. Special events are to be held locally throughout Community Safety Week.