

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

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across the Omagh District 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 the Omagh District Council area a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit within it.

OUR PURPOSE

Omagh Community Safety Partnership aims to develop and deliver local community safety initiatives which are sustainable and provide solutions to problems identified by local people.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY
2005-2008



OMAGH 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 NI Community Safety Strategy. Omagh CSP has now prioritized the following nine key issues:

HIGH PRIORITY:

- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.

MEDIUM PRIORITY:

- domestic burglary;
- business and retail crime;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred.

LOW PRIORITY:

- car crime.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

- the total number of recorded crimes in Omagh DCU between April 2004 and March 2005 was 2462, 336 fewer than the previous year, a drop of 12%;
- in the period April 2004 to March 2005, domestic burglary reduced by 53% from the same period in the previous year;
- the number of reported incidents of violent crime reduced during April 2004 to March 2005, from 947 to 899. Despite the overall reduction in crime, the number of town centre assaults in Omagh during the period April 2004 to March 2005 increased from 217 to 238;
- 57% of domestic incident calls made to the PSNI in Omagh from April 2003 to March 2004 involved domestic violence;
- the public survey carried out by the CSP show that 51% of those surveyed had been affected by anti-social behaviour or general disorder in the past year.

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Over the next three years, Omagh CSP plan to introduce a series of measures to deal with the community safety issues highlighted by the local community and the Stage One Audit.

These measures will follow the priorities agreed in the strategy document and determined by the CSP's audit and consultation process.

A series of possible measures for each key area are listed in the strategy document.



PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- organised 4 showings of the domestic violence drama Don't Say a Word followed by question and answer sessions;
- helped to promote the Roadsafe Roadshow;
- funded the Radio Link scheme which provides additional security measures to businesses within Omagh town centre;
- launched 13 Neighbourhood Watch schemes in March 2005;
- supported the Streetsmart Country Wise safety programme for primary school children;
- contributed to a directory for older people;
- provided personal alarms to a variety of vulnerable groups within the area;
- promoted the Lock Out Crime scheme.