



Making Northern Ireland Safer For Everyone Through Professional, Progressive Policing

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6th May 2010

Dear Mr Euston,

To ask the Minister of Justice to outline any plans his Department has to increase community policing. 6394/10

With reference to the above Assembly Question which was placed before the Minister for Justice, please be advised that this has been deemed an operational matter and therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly to you.

It is the ambition of the Police Service of Northern Ireland to be the finest personal, professional and protective police service in the World. The Chief Constable is determined that community policing is the means to achieve this.

The PSNI is currently undertaking an internal review aimed at identifying those officers available for redeployment for front line duties. One of the targets for successful implementation is 600 additional and sustainable officers in response & neighbourhood policing by 31 March 2011. As of 31 March 2010, an additional 365 officers have been deployed to response and neighbourhood policing duties. These extra officers have been involved in tackling burglary, violent crime, improving road safety and addressing incidents of anti-social behaviour. As a consequence the monthly crime figures for January and February 2010 were the lowest for 12 years.

However this is an ongoing process, and with the development during 2010/2011 of PSNI Commitments, call back procedures and survey data regarding confidence levels, we will be able to better gauge the direct impact that our officers are making in our communities. This, alongside the roll out of mobile data solutions will free up more of our officers' time to provide a more visible presence in our communities.

All of these efforts are reflected in the new Annual Policing Plan which can be found at http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/final_pdf_-_policing_plan_2010-2013_b_.pdf

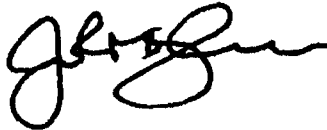
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I trust this is of assistance.

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