

Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnerships

Write Up for Plan

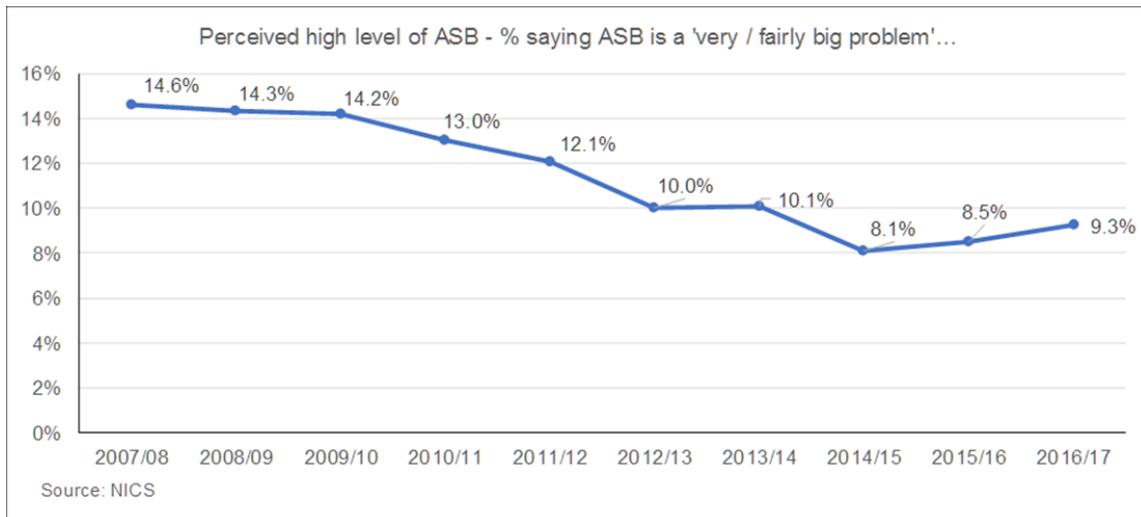
**Antisocial Behaviour
(ASB)**

Theme:
Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

Indicator

9.3% of NI Crime Survey respondents thought that asb was a very/fairly large problem (Table 1 – Source: NI Crime Survey 2016/17)

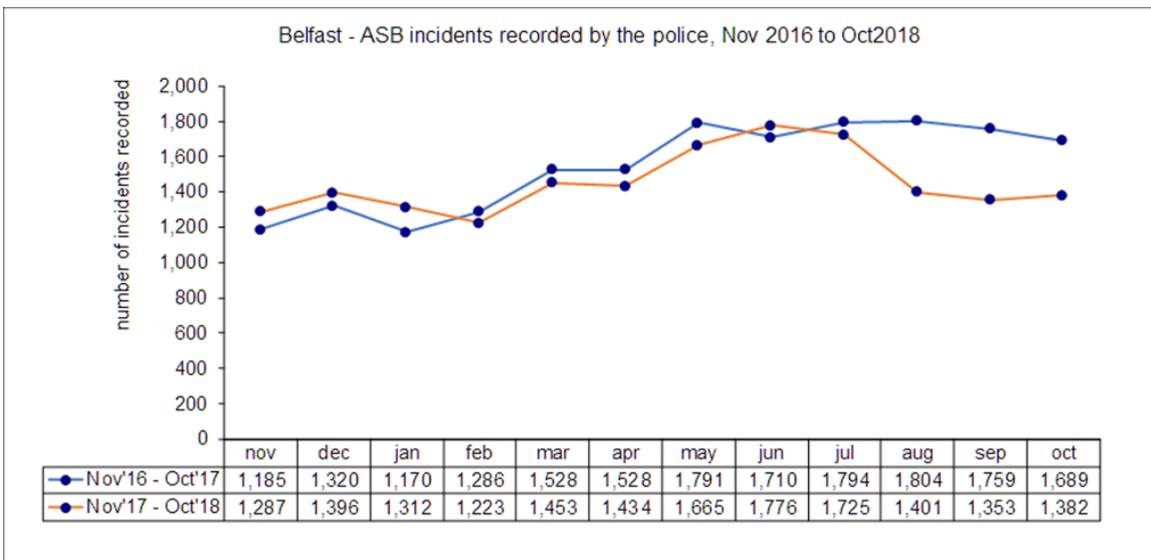
Table 1



Belfast ASB figures are fairly consistent over the last two years with peaks in March and May (Table 2- Source: PSNI)

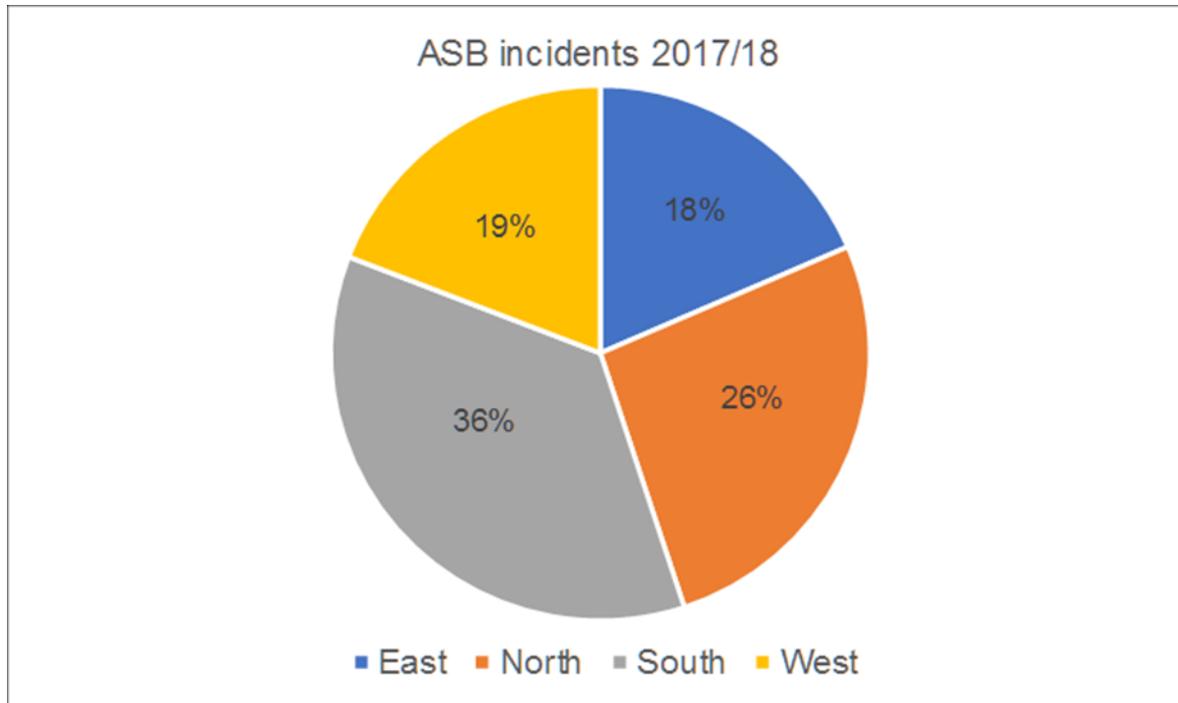
The significant drop in over the summer are thought to be a direct result of significant investment in Operation Rallinae

Table 2



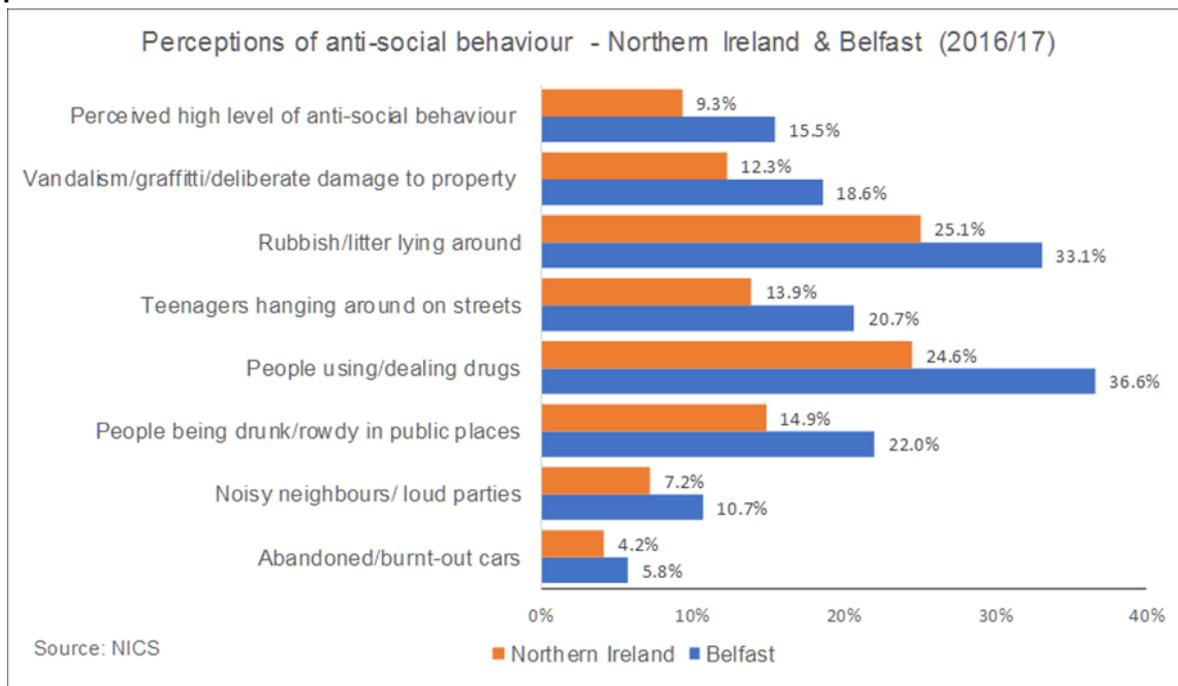
The geographical breakdown of ASB incidents are across the whole city; the high incidents in South Belfast are thought to be due to the inclusion of the City Centre and the Wider University Area (including the Holylands)

Table 3



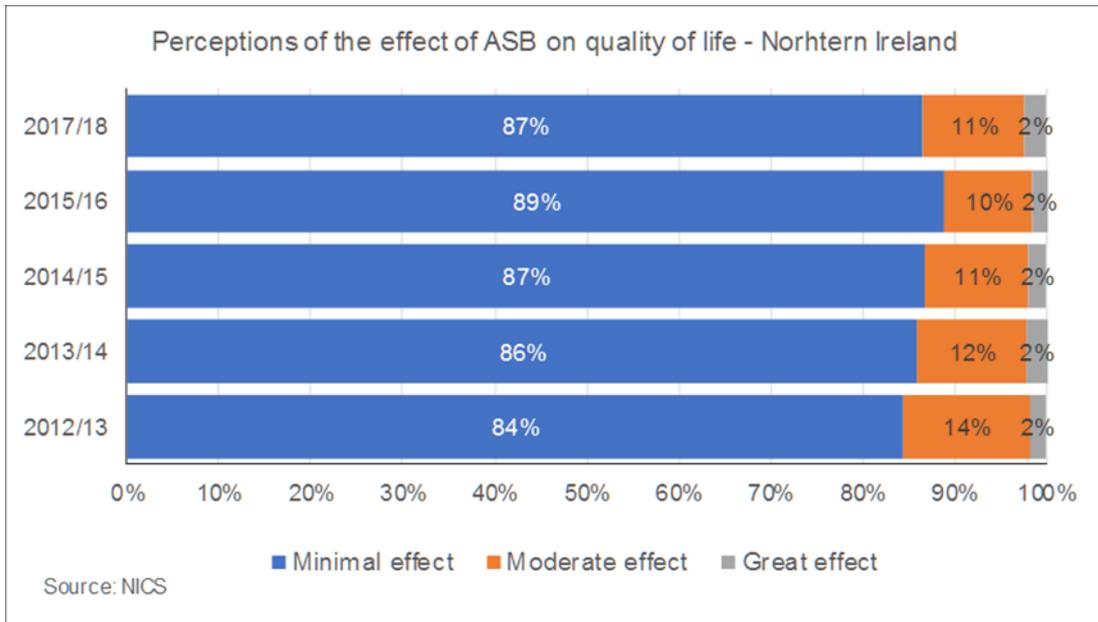
A breakdown of what respondents in Belfast classified as antisocial behaviour illustrates that the biggest concern was people using/dealing drugs (36.6%), followed by rubbish/litter lying around (33.1%) and then people being drunk/rowdy in public places (22%). (Table 4 – Source: NI Crime Survey 2016/17)

Table 4



87% respondents agree that ASB has a minimal effect on their quality of life (NICS)
 1.6% - 2.3% (over last 5 years) agreed that ASB has a greatly affected their quality of life (Table 5 – Source: NI Crime survey)

Table 5



Story behind the theme

Members agreed that addressing ASB associated with young people in public spaces across the city was still of paramount importance. The ASB programme funded by Belfast PCSPs in 2018/2019 had a number of relatively small projects.

Consequently, Members agreed to cease these and invest in a significant programme that will complement the Antisocial Behaviour Tasking process. ASB Tasking coordinates core statutory services deployed to prevent and address asb, using learning from Op Rallinae, which is detailed below.

Op Rallinae

Traditionally Belfast sees an increase in youth related ASB over the summer months so Op Rallinae commenced on 22nd June and ran to 3rd September, this was developed with Belfast City Council (BCC) to focus on youth related anti-social behaviour (ASB) across city of Belfast.

It had been recognised that a co-ordinated approach was required due to re-occurring reports of groups of young people moving across city, with potential links to alcohol, drug taking and other vulnerabilities. As a result, impacting on the quality of life of local people in the area as well as young people putting themselves in danger.

This operation involved dedicated patrolling focused on Friday and Saturdays with key times from 1500hrs to 2200hrs to increase maximum impact. Weekly tasking meetings took place every Tuesday morning with Belfast City Council and NI Fire Rescue Service to review previous week's success, displacement, issues and set priorities for following weekend.

Despite a summer increase in ASB activity, the operation was successful as youth related ASB reported within the hotspots, went down by 46% when Operation Rallinae was running compared to the previous six weeks.

New Project Proposal: ASB Project

Description

This project will commission more consistent youth work services across the city to prevent antisocial behaviour and safeguard young people in public spaces across Belfast.

The lead contractor will be required to liaise with EA funded youth services and the ASB Tasking process to ensure complementarity and best impact.

The lead contractor will have to evidence a proven track record of delivering on street youth work, a history of successfully working with a range of local providers across the city and demonstrate a genuine understanding of the policing and community safety issues faced by young people in different areas.

The lead contractor will coordinate with local services to source and deliver:

- Outreach youth work
 - Consistent outreach youth work at weekends throughout the year, enabling the workers to move where asb/safeguarding issues are emerging
 - Enhanced outreach youth work on key dates and school holidays
 - Provide costings for emergency deployment of outreach youth work
- Positive activities to divert young people should tensions arise
- Proactive communication about the positive impact of the project – promoting funding by PCSPs using the Safer Belfast website and app
- Training for the youth workers to develop and ensure a high quality consistent approach to engaging young people
- Professional support for the youth workers to ensure high quality practice and that emerging issues are captured and escalated as required
- Two conferences for youth workers and key stakeholders to review the impact of the programme and refine the ongoing approach
- Regular monitoring reports and make presentations about the project if required
- Liaison with the tasking process to prevent antisocial behaviour and safeguard young people

It is anticipated that this work will be let through a 3 year tender and that the lead organisation will be responsible for the day to day management of delivery and reporting activity within each district.

PCSP Small Grants and Policing Committee Grants are available should the youth providers in an area wish to commission an area specific project within their given location of concern.

Service Provider:

To be commissioned through a Tender process

Partners who can help us:

- EA
- PSNI
- Youth Justice

Start & End date

Tbc 2019 – 31 March 2022, subject to adequate evaluation and funding availability

Data Development Agenda

Connecting the street based youth work activity reports to the tasking process

Rationale for the Project

The ASB Tasking process has developed during 2018/2019 with reported success of connecting local community activity, with the core services of statutory partners to prevent and address antisocial behaviour from young people cross Belfast.

In order to support the process Belfast PCSP agreed to resource local street based youth work and to improve coordination of services to the benefit of the young people across the city the delivery model will be refined.

Performance Measures

How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
# Participants	% partners report satisfaction with activities
Is anyone better off?	
#% partners report an increased ability to engage with the wider community	
#% participants with changed attitudes/behaviours	