

Outcome: All people in Newry, Mourne and Down live in respectful, safe and vibrant communities

Indicator: Level of Personal Safety and Crime

Personal security is a core element for the well-being of individuals and of society as a whole, and the experience of crime is one of the main factors shaping people's personal security. Crime may lead to loss of life and property, as well as engendering physical pain, post-traumatic stress and anxiety. It may also cause impairments in occupational activities (e.g. lower productivity and higher absenteeism) and disruption in social functioning (e.g. restriction in freedom of movement and erosion of social cohesion within communities). The biggest impact of crime on people's well-being appears to be through the feeling of vulnerability that it causes (Anans and Santos, 2006).

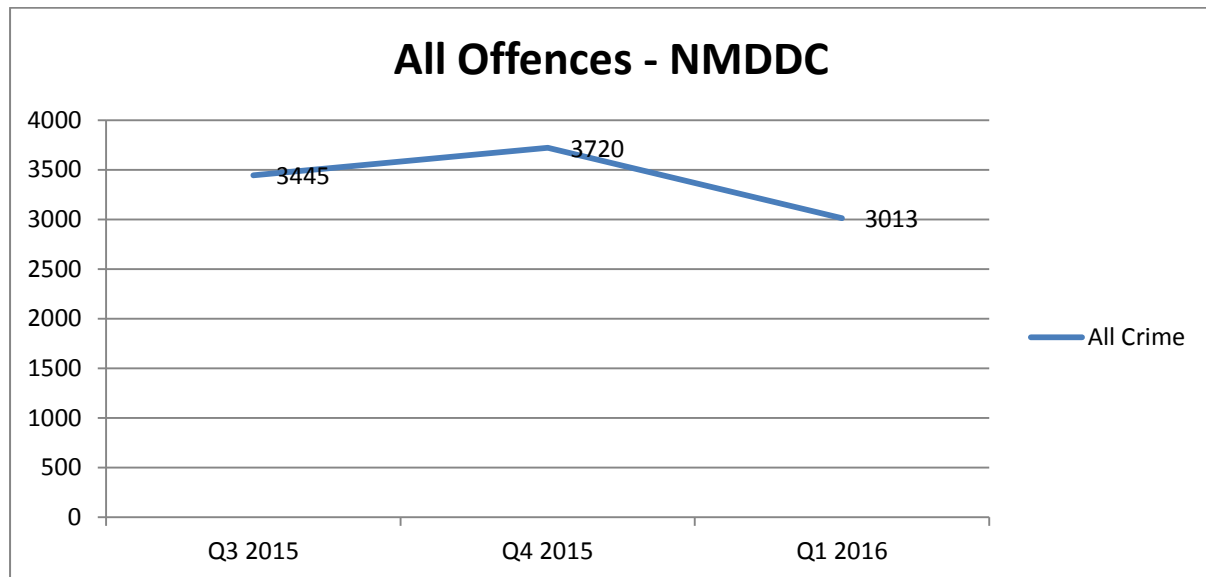
Measures: Crime Rate

Level of Self-Reported Fear of Crime

Number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Crime Rate – All Crimes Recorded in NMDDC (Q3 2015 – Q1 2016)

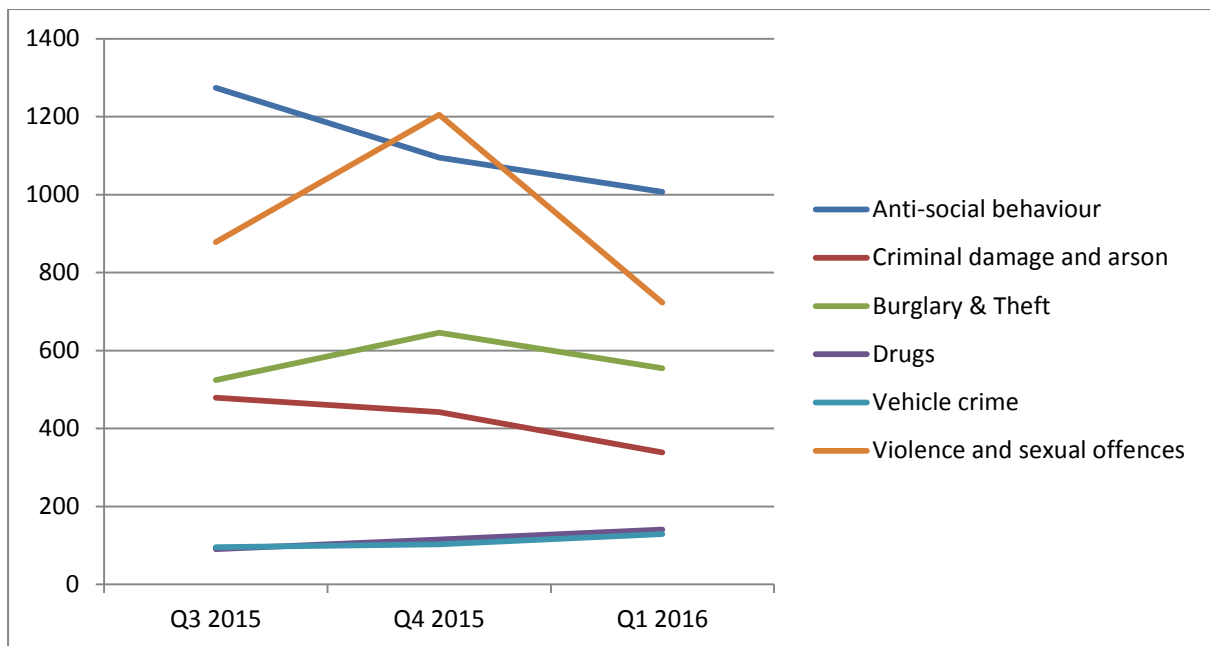
There were over 10,000 offences recorded across NMDDC between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016 which is displayed in the graph below:



The graph shows that there was an increase of nearly 300 offences between Q3 and Q4 2015 but this figure fell by over 700 to Q1 2016.

The number of offences recorded across NMDDC by crime type is charted in the table and graph below.

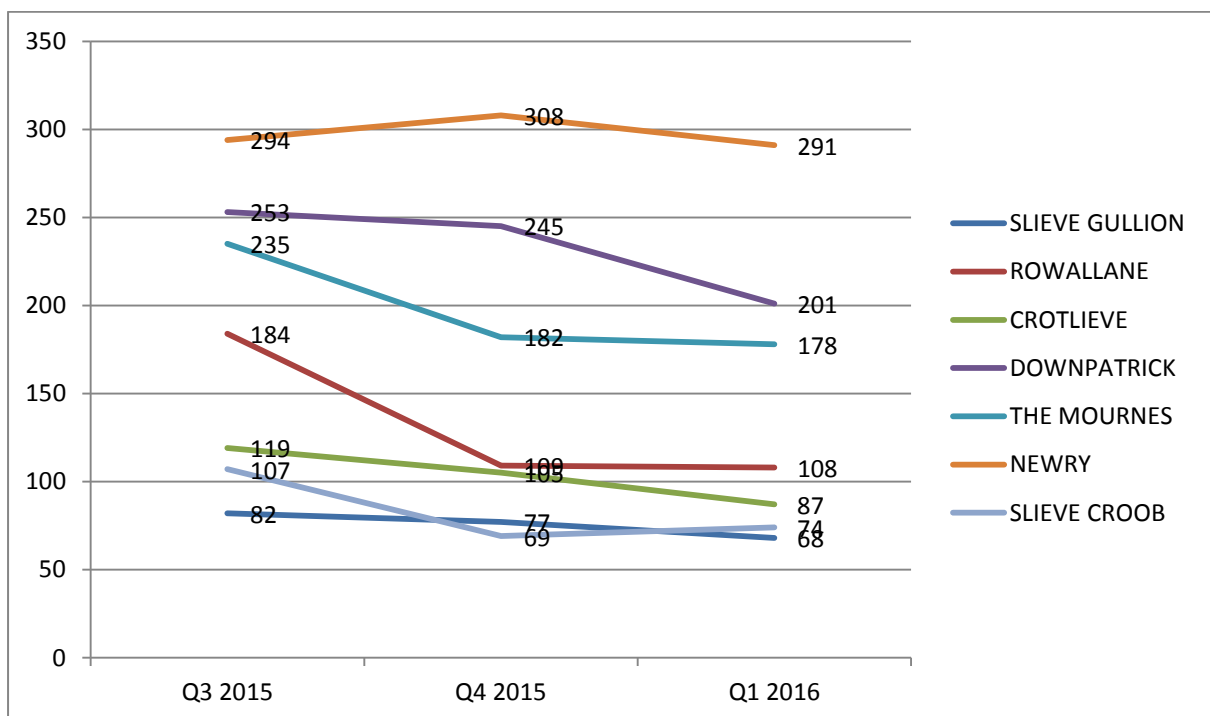
	Q3 2015	Q4 2015	Q1 2016
Anti-social behaviour	1274	1095	1007
Criminal damage and arson	479	442	339
Burglary & Theft	524	646	555
Drugs	91	115	141
Vehicle crime	96	103	129
Violence and sexual offences	878	1205	723



The graph tells us that many of the crime types have been decreasing steadily between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016 including ASB and Criminal Damage and Arson. Both Drugs and Vehicle Crime offences have however been increasing during this period.

Crime data is also available at DEA and ward level within our district and the following graphs look at a few key crime types by DEA over the three quarters analysed (Q3 & Q4 2015 & Q1 2016)

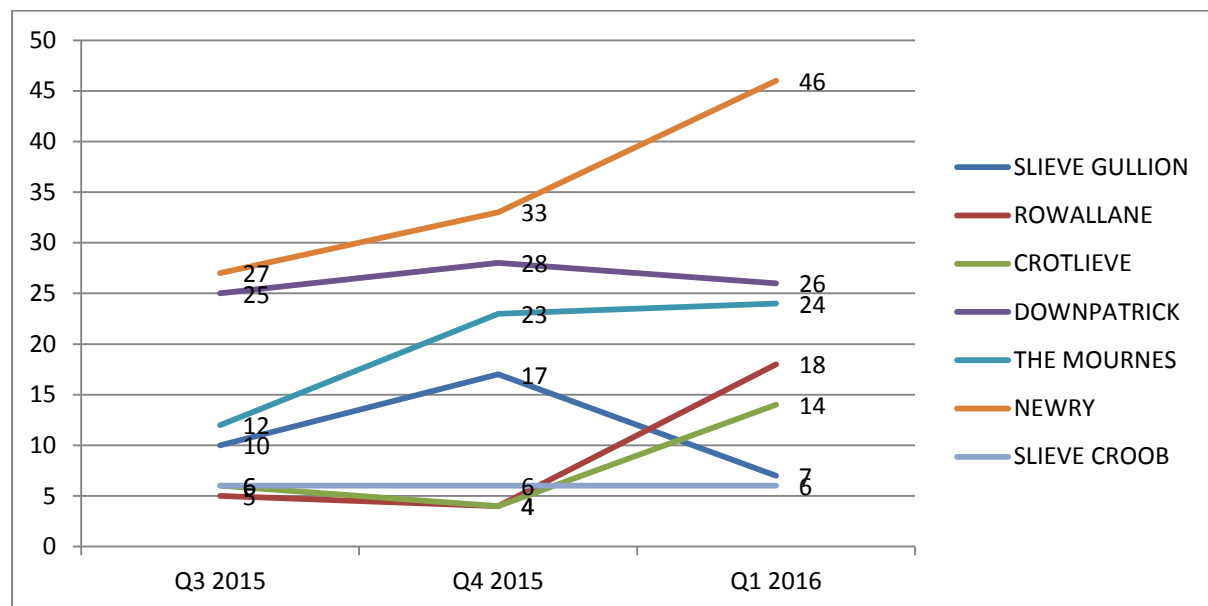
Anti-Social Behaviour Offences



We can see from the graph that Newry DEA recorded the highest levels of ASB offences over the period in question.

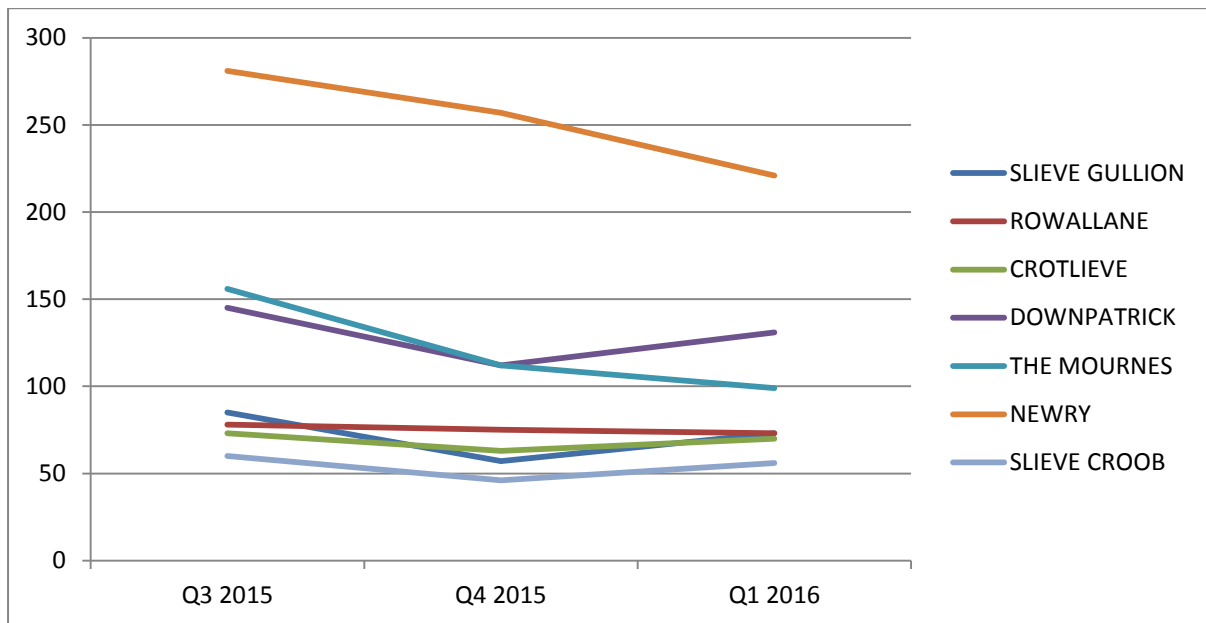
Many of the DEA's have been experiencing a steady decrease in ASB offences between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016 including Downpatrick, The Mournes and Crotlieve.

Drug Offences



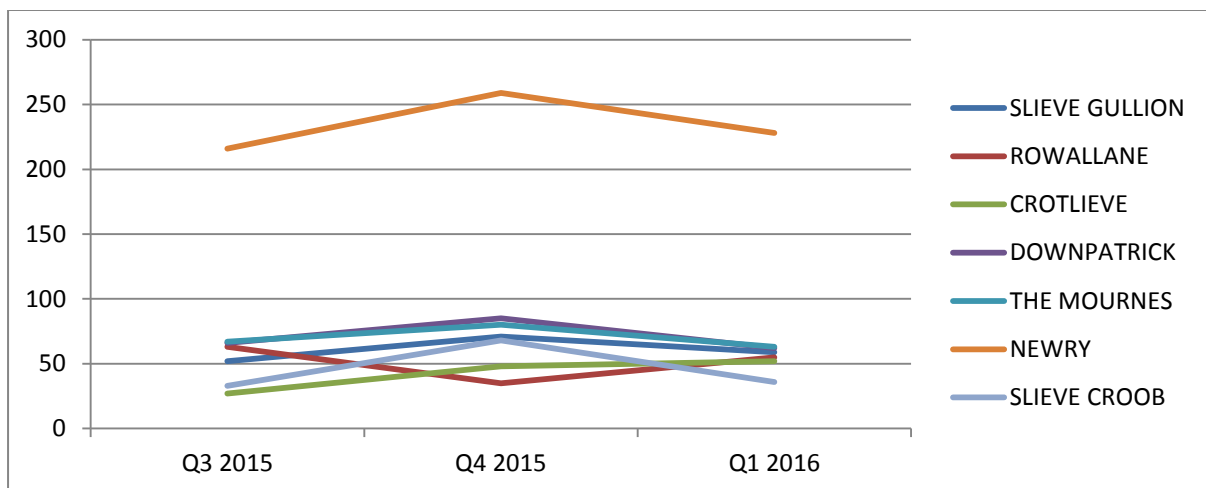
Again we see that Newry DEA recorded the highest number of drug offences across the district and this has been increasing steadily over the three quarters in question.

Violence and Sexual Offences



The graph shows that there has been a steady decline in the number of violence and sexual offences recorded in DEA's including Rowallane, The Mournes and Newry while there has been fluctuation between quarters in the other DEA's.

Burglary & Theft



Looking at burglary and theft we see that Newry DEA recorded the highest number of offences relating to the crime type. The majority of the DEA's experienced a spike in burglary and theft offences in the 4th quarter of 2015.

Crime data was also analysed at ward level and the tables below show the number of offences recorded in total and by crime type for each of our 41 wards.

All Offences

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Total
BALLYBOT	1440
CATHEDRAL	815
ABBEY	478
DONARD	449
MURLOUGH	425
KNOCKNASHINNA	401
ST. PATRICK'S	401
WARRENPOINT	387
DAMOLLY	347
BALLYNAHINCH	336
KILKEEL	272
BESSBROOK	242
QUOILE	227
CROSSGAR and KILLYLEAGH	210
SAINTFIELD	204
DRUMALANE	201
CASTLEWELLAN	198
DUNDRUM	188
LECALE	175
NEWTOWNHAMILTON	139
WHITECROSS	130
LISNACREE	125
STRANGFORD	121
MAYOBRIDGE	118
FORKHILL	116
CAMLOUGH	115
FATHOM	114
ANNALONG	113
BALLYDUGAN	110
BINNIAN	108
DERRYBOY	106
KILMORE	106
ROSTREVOR	106
DRUMANESS	102

BALLYWARD	98
MULLAGHBANE	94
HILLTOWN	88
TOLLYMORE	79
DERRYLECKAGH	75
CROSSMAGLEN	74
BURREN	62

The table shows that the ward of Ballybot recorded the highest number of offences during the period analysed with 1,440 offences. Burren ward had the lowest number of total offences recorded during this period.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Anti-social behaviour
BALLYBOT	432
CATHEDRAL	327
DONARD	202
ABBEY	175
KNOCKNASHINNA	174
WARRENPOINT	167
BALLYNAHINCH	165
MURLOUGH	156
ST. PATRICK'S	130
DAMOLLY	93
QUOILE	91
CROSSGAR and KILLYLEAGH	81
CASTLEWELLAN	81
SAINTFIELD	78
KILKEEL	77
BESSBROOK	74
DUNDRUM	62
LECALE	59
LISNACREE	58
STRANGFORD	48
ANNALONG	48
DRUMALANE	45

DERRYBOY	43
BALLYWARD	39
BINNIAN	37
WHITECROSS	36
DRUMANESS	35
KILMORE	34
NEWTOWNHAMILTON	33
CAMLOUGH	33
BALLYDUGAN	33
HILLTOWN	31
DERRYLECKAGH	31
ROSTREVOR	30
MAYOBRIDGE	27
FORKHILL	25
BURREN	25
FATHOM	18
MULLAGHBANE	17
TOLLYMORE	17
CROSSMAGLEN	9

Again we see that Ballybot and Cathedral wards recorded the highest number of ASB offences between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016. Crossmaglen recorded the lowest number of ASB offences.

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Criminal damage and arson
BALLYBOT	181
CATHEDRAL	112
ABBEY	38
DONARD	64
MURLOUGH	71
KNOCKNASHINNA	88
ST. PATRICK'S	56
WARRENPOINT	61
DAMOLLY	29
BALLYNAHINCH	33
KILKEEL	46
BESSBROOK	43

QUOILE	21
CROSSGAR and KILLYLEAGH	26
SAINTFIELD	24
DRUMALANE	32
CASTLEWELLAN	16
DUNDRUM	26
LECALE	28
NEWTOWNHAMILTON	21
WHITECROSS	14
LISNACREE	10
STRANGFORD	15
MAYOBRIDGE	10
FORKHILL	10
CAMLOUGH	10
FATHOM	11
ANNALONG	19
BALLYDUGAN	10
BINNIAN	14
DERRYBOY	10
KILMORE	13
ROSTREVOR	19
DRUMANESS	15
BALLYWARD	10
MULLAGHBANE	12
HILLTOWN	7
TOLLYMORE	12
DERRYLECKAGH	8
CROSSMAGLEN	9
BURREN	6

Ballybot and Cathedral were again the top two wards across the district for the number of criminal damage and arson offences recorded. Burren had the lowest number of these offences recorded.

Burglary & Theft

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Burglary & Theft
BALLYBOT	336
CATHEDRAL	121
ABBEY	114
DAMOLLY	93
ST. PATRICK'S	78
MURLOUGH	56
DONARD	53
DRUMALANE	52
WARRENPOINT	42
SAINTFIELD	42
DUNDRUM	40
NEWTOWNHAMILTON	38
KNOCKNASHINNA	37
CROSSGAR and KILLYLEAGH	37
BALLYDUGAN	34
CASTLEWELLAN	32
BALLYNAHINCH	31
FORKHILL	30
FATHOM	30
BINNIAN	30
WHITECROSS	28
KILKEEL	27
KILMORE	26
MULLAGHBANE	25
BESSBROOK	24
MAYOBRIDGE	23
QUOILE	22
CAMLOUGH	22
HILLTOWN	21
LECALE	20
LISNACREE	20
DERRYBOY	17
DERRYLECKAGH	17
DRUMANESS	16
ROSTREVOR	15
BALLYWARD	15

CROSSMAGLEN	15
STRANGFORD	13
ANNALONG	12
TOLLYMORE	12
BURREN	9

Similar to the previous crime type, both Ballybot and Cathedral were top of the wards for highest number of burglary and theft offences recorded with Burren again recording the lowest number of these offences.

Drugs

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Drugs
BALLYBOT	43
CATHEDRAL	36
DONARD	20
ST. PATRICK'S	17
ABBEY	16
KNOCKNASHINNA	16
BESSBROOK	16
MURLOUGH	14
DRUMALANE	14
DAMOLLY	12
BALLYNAHINCH	12
QUOILE	12
WARRENPOINT	11
CROSSGAR and KILLYLEAGH	10
KILKEEL	10
LECALE	8
STRANGFORD	7
DUNDRUM	6
WHITECROSS	6
CAMLOUGH	6
ROSTREVOR	5
TOLLYMORE	5
SAINTFIELD	4
BALLYDUGAN	4
FATHOM	4
BINNIAN	4
LISNACREE	4

BURREN	4
NEWTOWNHAMILTON	3
CASTLEWELLAN	3
DRUMANESS	3
MAYOBRIDGE	2
BALLYWARD	2
ANNALONG	2
FORKHILL	1
MULLAGHBANE	1
HILLTOWN	1
DERRYBOY	1
DERRYLECKAGH	1
CROSSMAGLEN	1
KILMORE	0

Ballybot recorded 43 drug offences between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016, the highest of all the 41 wards while Kilmore recorded no drug offences during the period analysed.

Violence and Sexual Offences

Q3 2015-Q1 2016	Violence and sexual offences
BALLYBOT	379
CATHEDRAL	180
ABBEY	105
ST. PATRICK'S	103
MURLOUGH	96
KILKEEL	95
DONARD	93
DAMOLLY	89
WARRENPOINT	85
BALLYNAHINCH	81
KNOCKNASHINNA	70
QUOILE	62
BESSBROOK	58
CASTLEWELLAN	54
CROSSGAR and	48

KILLYLEAGH	
LECALE	47
DRUMALANE	46
SAINTFIELD	45
MAYOBRIDGE	40
DUNDRUM	37
FATHOM	37
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WHITECROSS	31
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BURREN	13

Again, Ballybot and Cathedral wards have recorded the highest numbers of violence and sexual offences between Q3 2015 and Q1 2016. Burren recorded the lowest number of these offences.

Level of Self- Reported Fear of Crime - Perceptions of Crime: Findings from the 2014/15 Northern Ireland Crime Survey

The Department of Justice (DoJ) released the perceptions of crime publication this year based on a 2014/15 survey. Some of the key findings included:

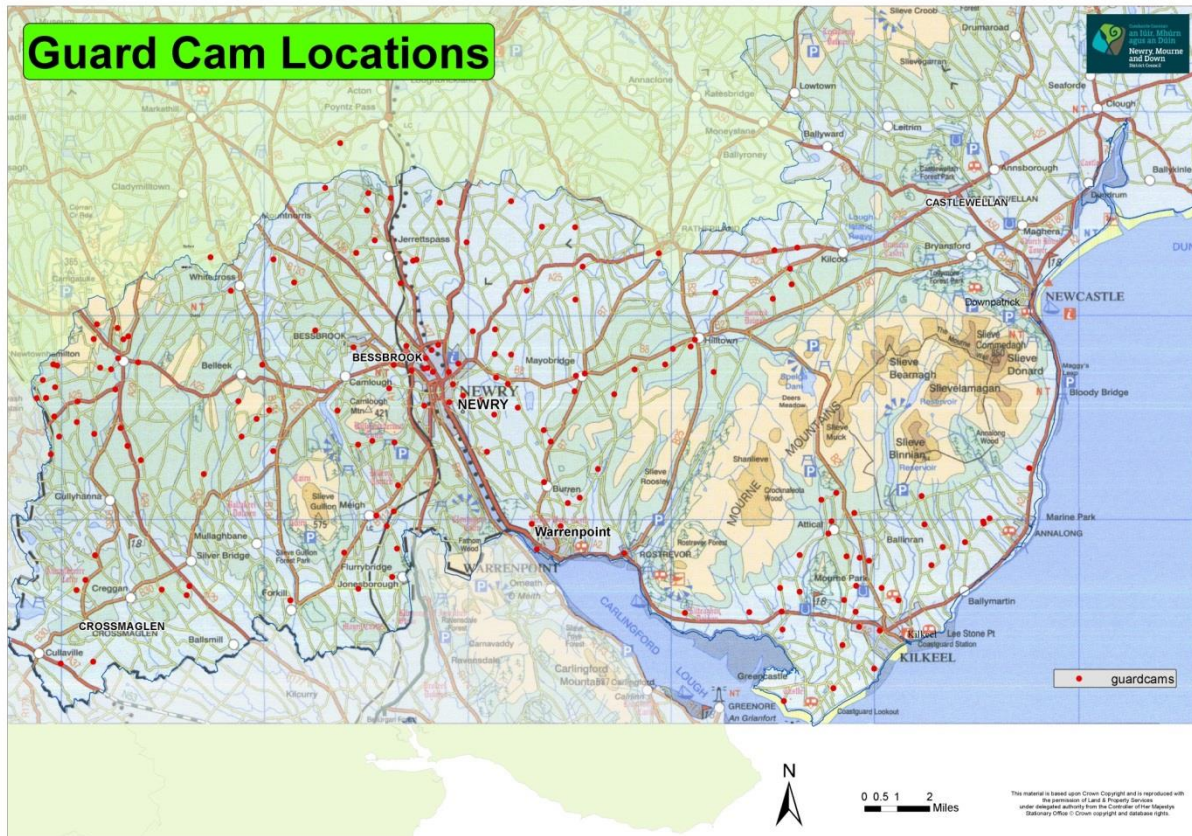
- Despite a lower prevalence of crime in Northern Ireland, respondents to NICS 2014/15 displayed higher levels of worry about the crime types examined.
- For the crime types examined, the vast majority of NICS 2014/15 respondents believed it unlikely that they would fall victim during the coming year. Overall, 11% of respondents to NICS 2014/15 believed they would experience some form of vehicle-related theft, 10% thought it was likely that they would be the victim of burglary, while 7% perceived themselves to be at risk of violent crime.
- At 69%, the majority of NICS 2014/15 respondents felt that 'fear of crime' has a minimal impact on their quality of life, a further 25% claimed it has a moderate effect, while the remaining five per cent stated their quality of life is greatly affected by their 'fear of crime'.
- Among those NICS 2014/15 participants most likely to state that their lives are greatly affected by 'fear of crime' were: residents in areas of self-perceived high ASB (15%); single parents (15%); respondents who are divorced (13%); residents of the 20% most deprived areas of Northern Ireland (12%); respondents with a limiting illness or disability (12%); and recent victims of crime reported to the police (12%).

Although this is NI level data it does provide an overview on fear of crime across the region. Local Government District level data is difficult to ascertain for this measure.

A proxy for self-reported fear of crime we are using is that of farm watch and guardcam locations. These are two schemes that were ran by the PCSP and were preventative crime programmes taken up by residents of Newry, Mourne and Down



Guard Cam Locations



Number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

There are a total of 175 neighbourhood watch schemes located across our district. These scheme locations are displayed in the map below and show the spread right across our district.

