

Transcript – The Prison Service of Northern Ireland

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N: The Police Service of Northern Ireland contribute to promoting a culture of lawfulness by raising awareness of their role and the law. They serve the public by preventing crime, detecting offenders, and protecting vulnerable people in our communities. In order to achieve these goals, the police work with communities and treat everyone with courtesy, respect, and fairness. PSNI officers are expected to adhere to a Code of Ethics, and to be aware of the rights and obligations arising from the Human Rights Act 1998.

Communities also need to play an active role by working in partnership with the police to deliver solutions to community problems. This called community partnership policing.

There are many different sectors of the PSNI. These include: Crime Operations, Discipline and Anti-Corruption Branch, District Policing Command, and Legacy Injustice Department.

Young people are our future, and it is important that they are actively involved in all aspects of community life. Specially trained police officers work with schools to deliver education programmes dealing with issues such as road safety, fireworks, drugs, alcohol, and farm safety.

Some of the major challenges the police face are organised crime and paramilitarism. The police are accountable for our communities through the Police Ombudsman and the Northern Ireland Policing Board. They have the authority to question and review any case where misconduct by the police is believed to have occurred. In a lawful society, active citizenship means working to support democracy, policing, and the rule of law.