

Fear of Crime

REDUCING FEAR OF CRIME AMONG OLDER PEOPLE – AUTUMN 2016



Partners coming together to reduce the fear of crime among older people in Ards & North Down

AGEnDa
AGE north down & ards

RSP Policing & Community Safety Partnership
making Ards & North Down safer



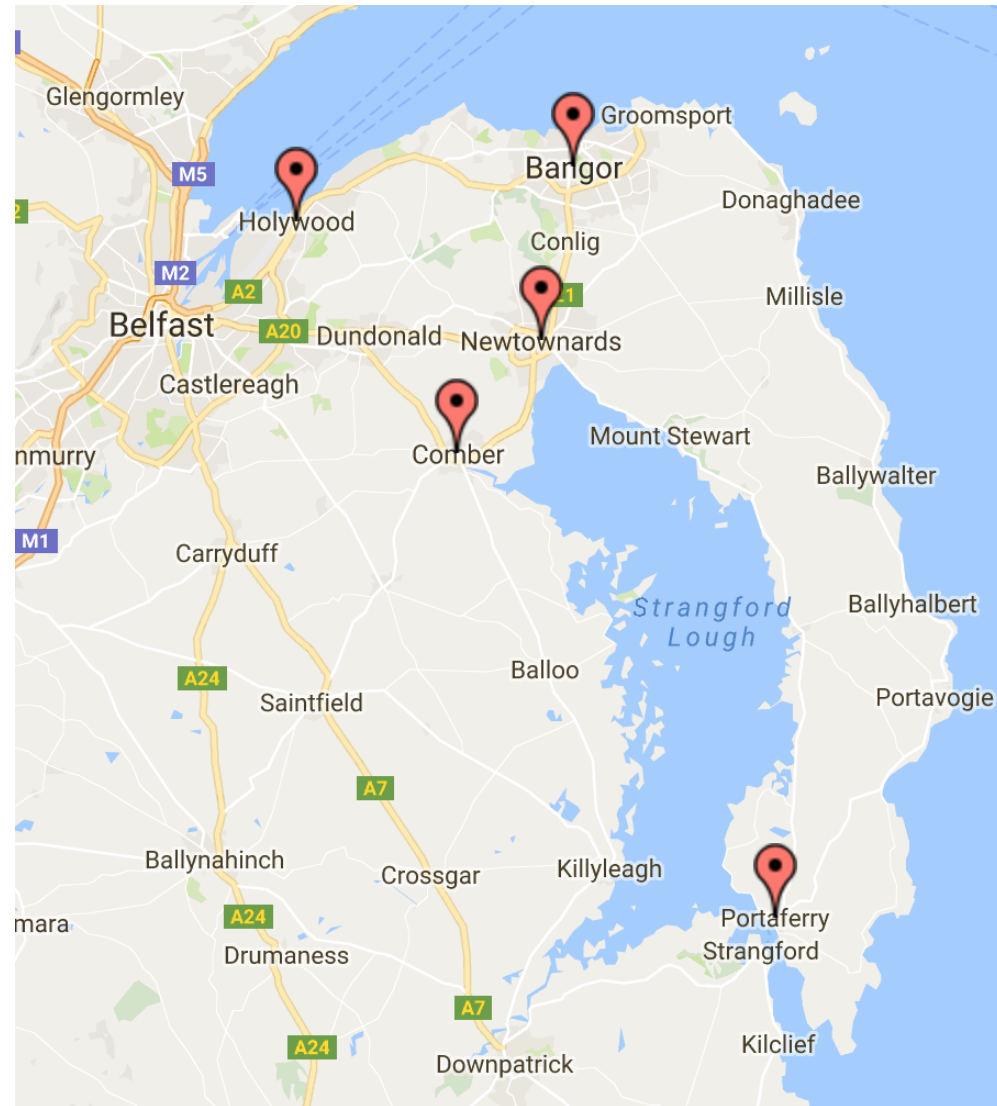
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Appraisal • Business Planning • Funding • Evaluation

500 people @ 5 Community Events

One Week: 14th –
18th November

- Newtownards
- Holywood
- Bangor
- Comber
- Portaferry



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It was a good social occasion too, and an opportunity to meet many other people



We brought people **together** to talk about crime and how we can reduce their fears

Our Approach

We focused on three crimes and provided people with advice, tips and contact details for local support organisations.

BOGUS CALLERS

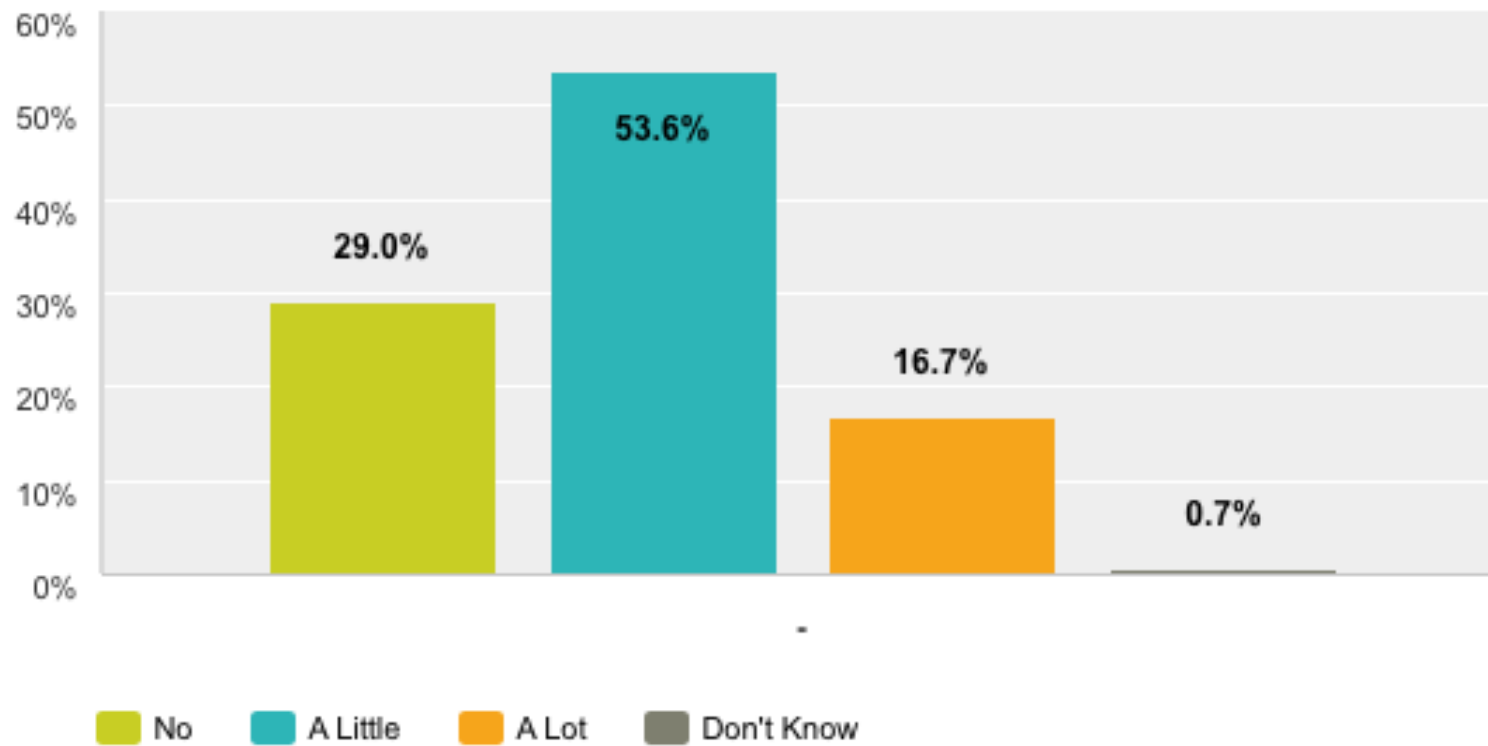
SCAMS

BURGLARIES

Nuisance Calls and **Online Protection** were also discussed

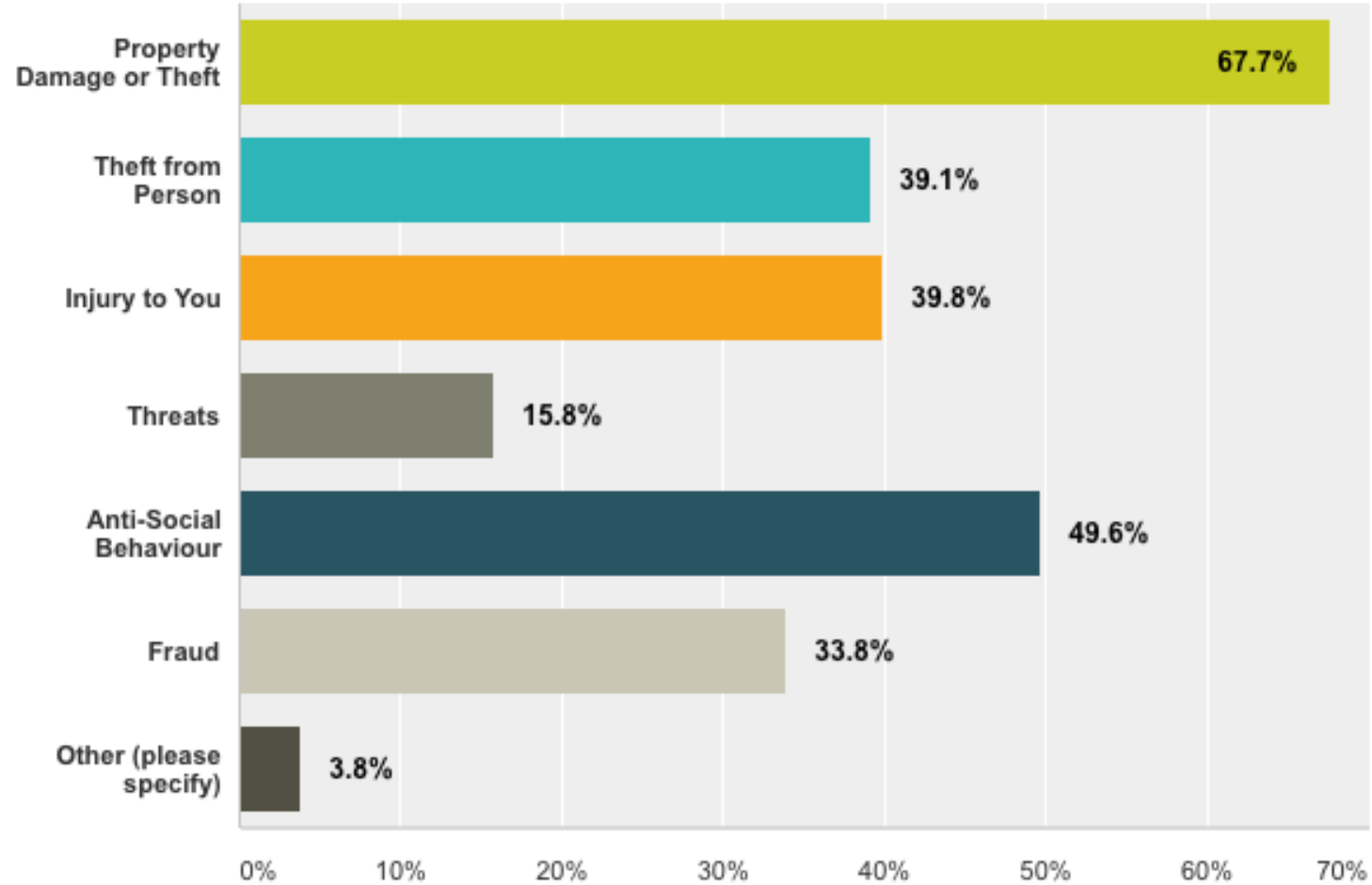
Are you currently afraid of crime in your area?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 6



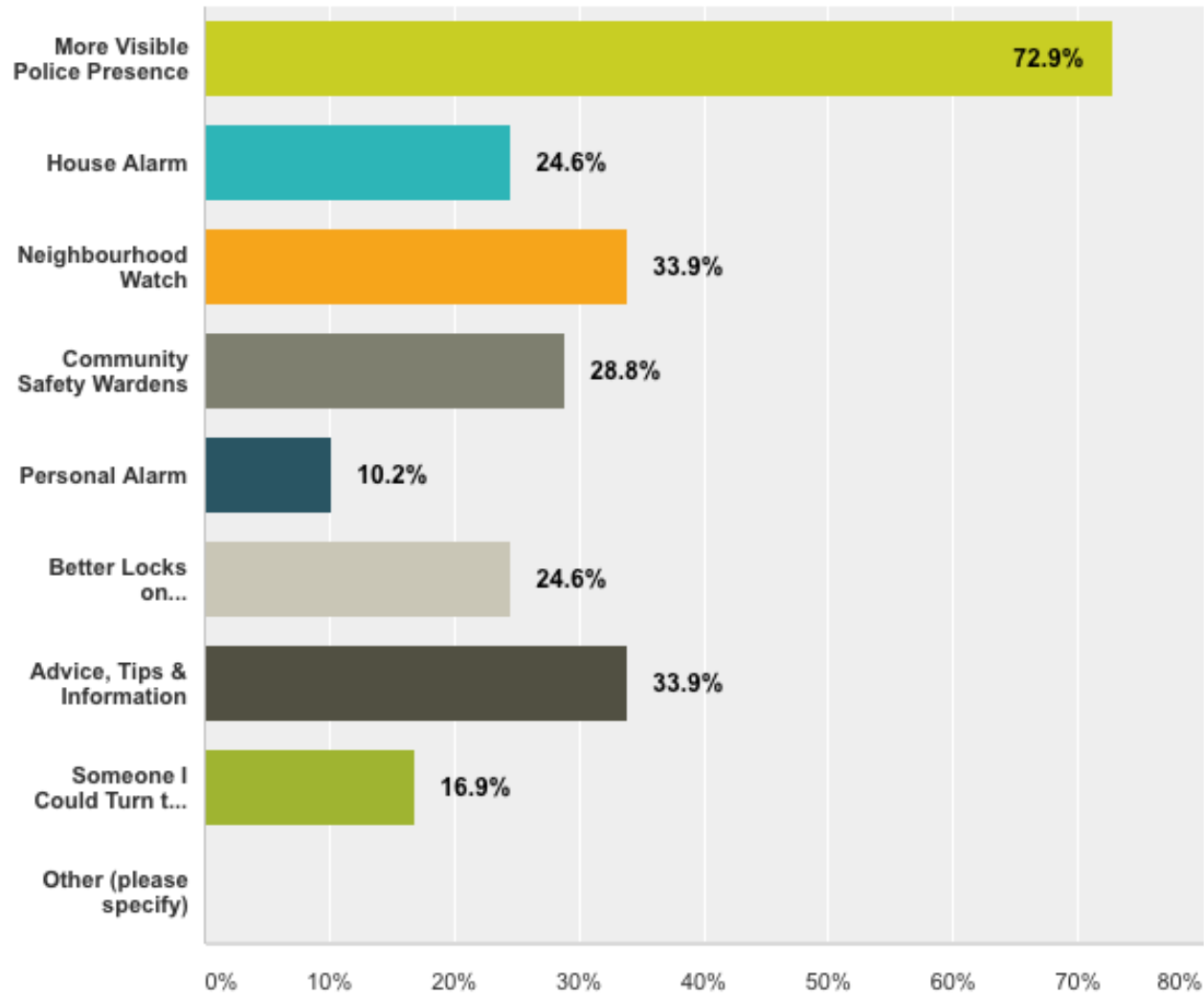
What crimes if any are you most afraid of? (Tick all that apply)

Answered: 133 Skipped: 11



What would help reduce your fear of crime?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 26



Bogus Callers

When someone comes to your door that you are not expecting. If in any doubt, say no.

STOP people at the door

ASK for identification and call to check

SAY no thanks and never give out information

DON'T have cash in the house

Scams

If it looks to be good to be true, it usually is. Especially if it involves money.

STOP - Always check with someone you trust first

BE ALERT - Don't give out bank or personal details

TAKE TIME OUT - Never be rushed into a decision

ONLINE - Use strong passwords & be careful online

Burglary

Always lock your front and back doors, and hide valuables.

LOCK front and back doors at **ALL** times

HIDE valuables from view (e.g. phones, cash, jewellery)

PROTECT your home by using alarms, lights, radio etc

LOOK OUT for neighbours and suspicious behaviour

Nuisance Callers

People who call you that you don't wish to speak to. Say no.

CALL your telephone provider for assistance

NEVER give out details, say no and put the phone down

ALWAYS take time out and check with someone you trust

CONSIDER using voicemail, caller display or call blocker



There are organisations that can help you





6 Tips

You are not alone, there are many organisations out there who can help. There is also a lot of good advice out there. Most of all remember a few golden rules and keep good practices.

Always **lock** your doors, and ask for ID

Hide valuables and don't keep **cash**

Be careful giving out personal or bank details

Never be rushed, always **take time** out to check

Say no, and look out for other older people

Use **free** Fire, Police and crime safety advice

The Silver Line
helpline for older people
0800 4 70 80 90

**There is no need
to be alone**



Information • Friendship • Advice

**The only national, free
and confidential helpline
for older people open every
single day and night**



Many older people live alone. Please remember to check in with a neighbour and avail of two great free services:

Good Morning Call
Silver Line

Please use, pass on and consider volunteering

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**Good
Morning
Call Service**



For more information on this FREE service telephone
028 9127 1968

What Next?

Call AGEnda

Get contact details for support organisations

Call them for advice and assistance

Take practical steps to help you feel safe



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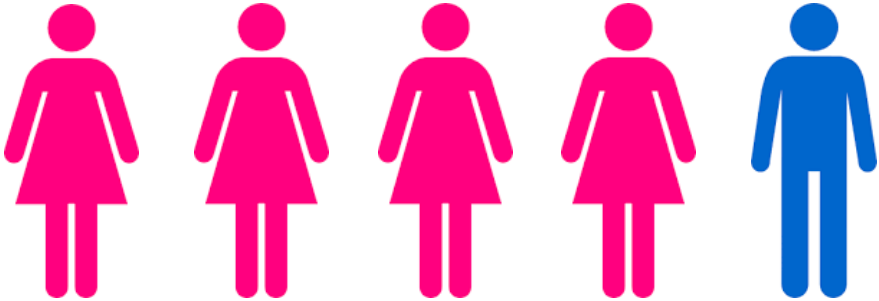
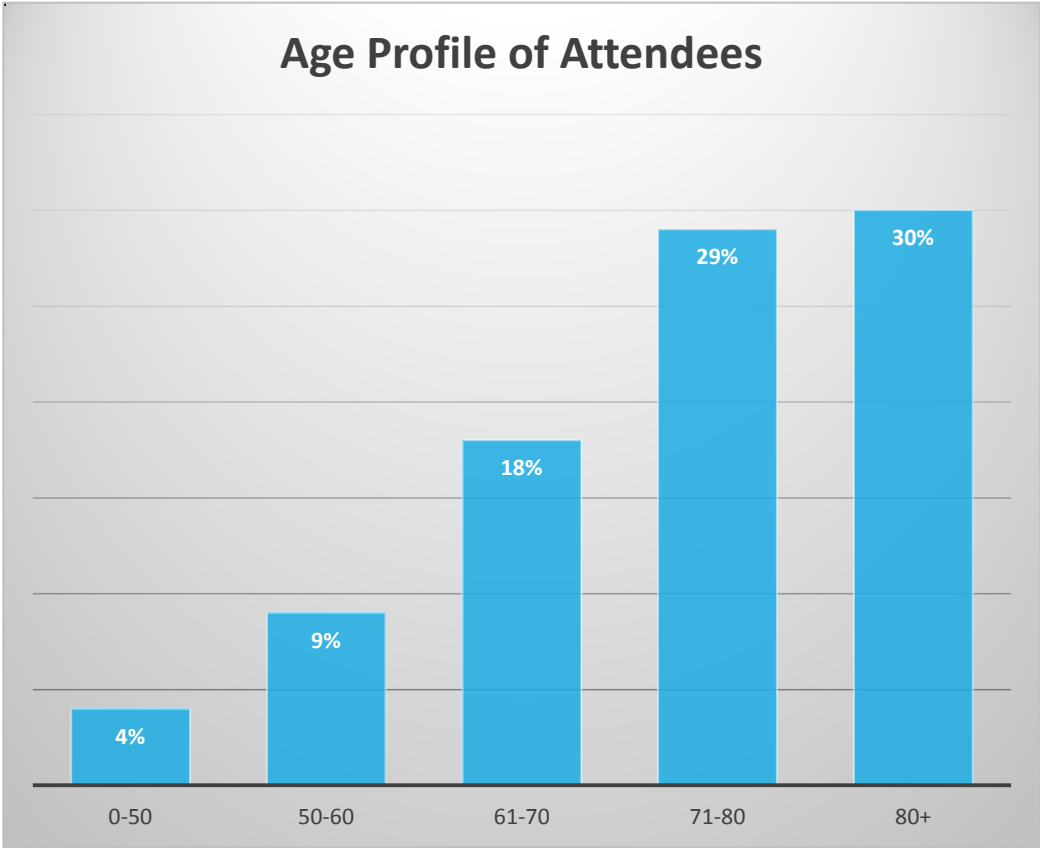
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How did we do?

Participant Evaluation (229 replies)

Profile of Attendees

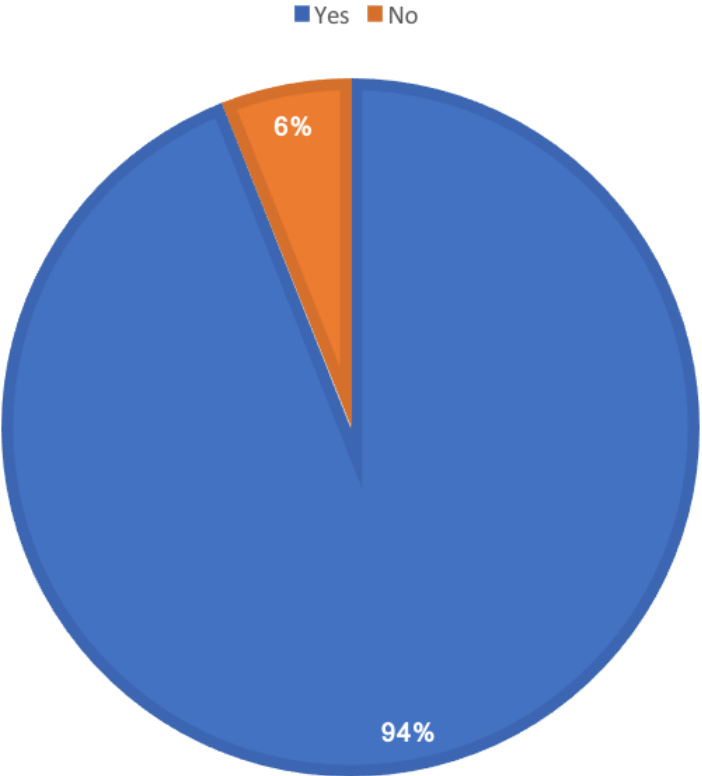


3 in 5 were over 70

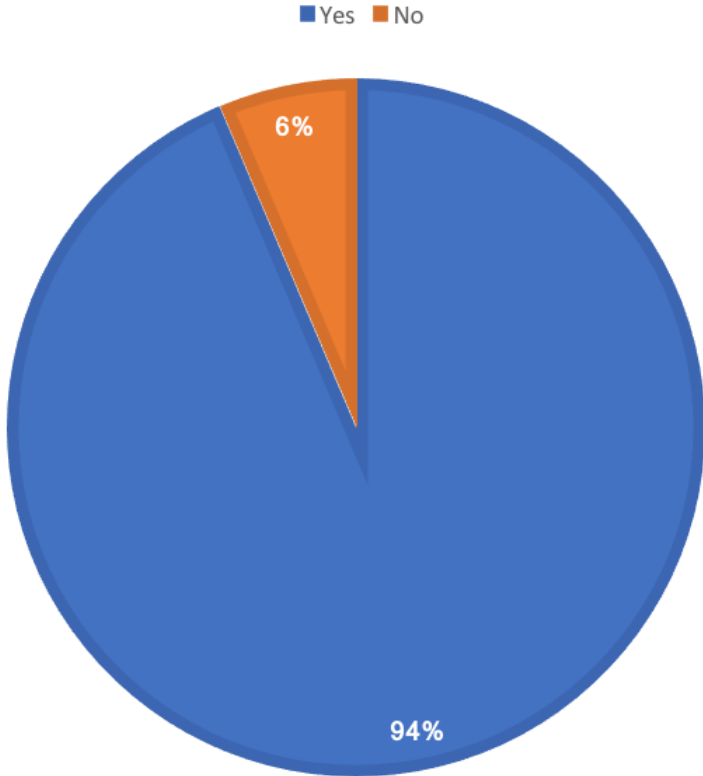
4 in 5 were women

Feedback from Attendees

WAS THE EVENT BENEFICIAL?



WOULD YOU GO TO ANOTHER EVENT?



Most Useful Aspect

All Information

Home Safety **Advice**

Watch out for scammers

Useful phone numbers

Have lived in the area 20 years
and did not know about all the
Partners

Crime Prevention

Different views from people

How important Policing is in
Bangor

Exchanging ideas

“Everything”

Highlights of the Event

Answers to all the questions

Safety, Fire, Burglary

Meeting pupils from schools

Working within **groups**/group discussions

Opportunity to discuss safety

Variety of help available from various organisations

Sound was very good could hear every word of advice

Getting to **chat to others about** different experiences with **crime**

Information from Speakers and Information stands

Learning how to “Keep Safe”

Keeping doors secure day and night