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Progress Report 2023/24

Share the Road to Zero : Connecting Communities : Safer Roads for All



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1. Introduction

This is the second Progress Report on Northern Ireland's Draft Road Safety Strategy to 2030 ("the Strategy") and covers the financial year 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress against the 2023/24 Action Plan. Later this year the Department will publish the **Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2030: Annual Statistical Report 2024** which will provide a fuller progress of the strategy against agreed targets and key performance indicators.

2. Background

On 24 October 2022 the Department published the Draft Strategy following a consultation which ran from 15 November 2021 until 10 January 2022. The Strategy, along with the Consultation Outcome Report which informed it, can be found at the following link:

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/consultation-outcome-report-new-road-safety-strategy-northern-ireland-2030

In the absence of an Executive at that time it was not possible to secure the necessary sign off for the Strategy and it therefore remained in draft format. Officials have continued to co-ordinate with other Departments and key stakeholders to support the road safety aims set out within the Strategy.

The Executive returned on 03 February 2024 and have endorsed a new revision of the Road Safety Strategy to 2030. This is due to be published by Minister John O'Dowd, during July 2024.

Underpinning the Strategy is the internationally recognised Safe System Approach to road safety improvement which is based on an ethical position that it can never be acceptable that people are seriously injured or killed on our roads. The Strategy identifies priority areas to focus efforts in order to overcome recognised challenges and deliver the strategic outcomes – those being: **Safe Vehicles, Safe Roads and Safe People.**

These strategic outcomes continue to keep the focus on making our roads safer to use for all, particularly those who are more vulnerable, including pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders, with the long-term goal of eliminating death and serious injury on roads by 2050.

In the short-term, to support the Draft Strategy, a series of actions to be progressed during 2022/23 were agreed and recorded within a detailed Action Plan. A progress report was published for 2022/23 and is available at the following link:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/infrastructure/draft-road-safety-strategy-2030-action-plan-202324.pdf>

Following the confirmation of budgets, the 2023/24 action plan was agreed. This comprised of 52 new or updated actions.

To ensure actions and performance measures are regularly reviewed and evaluated, a three-tiered Governance Framework structure has been established. This will facilitate the ongoing review of the strategy, allow new developments and innovations to be considered on an ongoing basis and help to ensure that, throughout the lifetime of the strategy, there will be a focus on the future and on best practice to ensure that stakeholders and partners can respond to road safety challenges and embrace innovative solutions. The Governance Framework is led by the Strategic Road Safety Forum, chaired by DfI. It is supported by a Tactical Forum, focused on delivery of the action plan, and by a range of operational fora to give widespread input and support to the development of fit for purpose actions.

3. Targets

Whilst the long-term goal is to eliminate death and serious injury on our roads by 2050 it is recognised that this may be an unachievable target, however, it is not accepted that any death or serious injury is inevitable, and this strategy strives to achieve the maximum reduction in casualties by 2030.

Interim targets have been set, in line with the Stockholm Declaration¹, to reduce death and serious injury by at least 50% between 2020 and 2030. Based on a 2014-2018 baseline, the targets set out within the strategy are:

	% reduction by 2030	Target number by 2030
Number of People killed in Road Collisions.	At least 50%	Fewer than 35
Number of people seriously injured in Road Collisions.	At least 50%	Fewer than 376
Number of children (0-15) killed or seriously injured in Road Collisions.	60%	Fewer than 29
Number of young people (16-24) killed or seriously injured in Road Collisions.	60%	Fewer than 79

In addition to these targets, following public consultation, the Department has published a wide range of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which, alongside the 2023/24 Action Plan, monitors the progress of the strategy against agreed targets and KPIs. The first statistical report was published in September 2023 and can be viewed here:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/draft-northern-ireland-road-safety-strategy-2030-annual-statistical-report-2023>

4. Research

Research can make a vital contribution towards understanding road safety issues and identifying solutions. A number of actions identified within both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Action Plans relate to a comprehensive road safety research programme.

The Department’s Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) are currently developing The Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2030 Annual Statistical Report 2024 which will be published later this year. In June 2024 ASRB

also published an in-depth Road Traffic Collision Problem Profile Report on Drink/Drug Driving. This can be found, with other road traffic collision problem profiles, at the following page:

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/topics/statistics-and-research/road-safety

The most recent results from the Road Safety modules contained within the Continuous Household Survey and Young Persons Behaviours and Attitude Survey, can be found at the following links:

<https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/road-safety-issues-northern-ireland-202223>

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/young-persons-behaviour-and-attitudes-survey-2022-road-safety

The assessment and analysis of trends, patterns and risks will assist the work carried out across the Department, as well as the work taken forward in partnership with other Departments and agencies. Further, this can help inform policy development, assist with decision making, and improve operational processes - shaping the future of the Road Safety Strategy to 2030.

5. 2023/24 Summary

The PSNI’s 2023/24 Financial Year Road Traffic Collision Statistics² show there were 73 people killed and 922 people seriously injured as a result of collisions on our roads between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

- Unfortunately, the 73 fatalities represent 12 additional deaths than the 61 recorded the previous financial year.
- 922 people were seriously injured, an increase of 48 on the previous year.
- There were 82 children (under 16) killed or seriously injured, 6 less than the 88 recorded the previous financial year.

1 <https://www.roadsafetysweden.com/about-the-conference/stockholm-declaration/>

2 <https://www.psni.police.uk/about-us/our-publications-and-reports/official-statistics/road-traffic-collision-statistics>

- 198 young people (16-24) were killed or seriously injured, up 1 on the previous year.

When compared to the 2030 targets it is clear that there is a significant amount of progress to be made.

Other notable key facts reported by the PSNI for 2023/24 include:

- There was a total of 4977 injury road traffic collisions recorded, resulting in 73 fatalities, 922 people seriously injured and 6,888 slightly injured.
- There were 80 fewer collisions recorded in 2023/24 when compared with 2022/23, and a small increase in casualties of 44 over the year.

- Nearly half of all child KSI casualties were pedestrians.
- The most common principal causation factors for KSI casualties during 2023/24 were ‘inattention or attention diverted’ (126 KSI casualties) followed by ‘impaired by alcohol or drugs – driver/rider’ (89 KSI casualties), and ‘overtaking on offside without care’ (78 KSI casualties).
- Newry, Mourne & Down district had the highest number of road deaths with 12 fatalities. Belfast City district recorded the most serious injuries in 2023/24 (145 seriously injured).

As set out above a program of research will be undertaken on the data to assist with the future direction of the strategy and the targeting of road safety initiatives being progressed by the Department and its stakeholders.

	Target number by 2030	2021/22 Total	2022/23 Total	2023/24 Total
Number of People killed in Road Collisions.	Fewer than 35	45	61	73
Number of people seriously injured in Road Collisions.	Fewer than 376	895	874	922
Number of children (0-15) killed or seriously injured in Road Collisions.	Fewer than 29	84	88	82
Number of young people (16-24) killed or seriously injured in Road Collisions.	Fewer than 79	188	197	198

6. Review of 2023/24 Action Plan

As the strategy remained a draft document, and Executive consideration had not been possible at that time, a short-term action plan was agreed until 31 March 2024. This set out 52 actions across five Departments and partner organisations, with continuing support and input provided by a wider group of stakeholders. Many of the actions were carried forward from the previous plan, however these have been reconstructed to follow the “SMART” method of setting objectives. Ensuring

that each objective is ‘**Specific – Measurable – Achievable – Relevant – Timebound**’ allows the action to directly align to the strategy and allow for targeted updates to ensure success is on track or, where not on track, it can be given the required prioritisation to get back on track.

Each Action Lead provided a progress report during January 2024 and a final position following the conclusion of the reporting year. The actions, along with the final position as of 31 March 2024 can be found at [Annex A](#).

	DfI	DAERA	PSNI	DoJ	DVA	DfC	NIFRS	NIAS
Leading	33	3	2	1	13	-	-	-
Supporting	3	-	15	1	1	1	2	2

The RAG indicators are as follows:

RAG Indicator	Description
	‘Successfully Completed’
	‘Progress made, and being carried forward’
	‘Incomplete’

Green

Of the 52 Actions 39 were marked as successfully completed. The achievements include the delivery of education programmes to schools and colleges, the establishment of various working groups and fora, and the introduction of statutory rules to facilitate the implementation of new fixed penalties. Other actions cover research and testing on new equipment and the development of the overall governance framework for the Strategy.

Amber

11 actions have been highlighted as incomplete but progressing. In some cases, these are policy decisions which had been progressing but have been paused due to a change in priorities or competing budget and resource priorities. It will be possible to roll forward many of these into a future Action Plan as they remain relevant and important contributors to the strategy and could potentially make further progress later this calendar year.

Red

Unfortunately, 2 actions were closed as incomplete. In those cases, the action owner has been unable to progress the action in the absence of available resources or budgets during the year. Unlike the

amber status, where some progress has been made, and continues to be made, these Red items have failed to be progressed beyond initial planning.

The 2023/24 Action Plan outcomes are attached at [Annex A](#).

7. 2024/25 Action Plan

With the return of the Executive, a 2024 revision of the Road Safety Strategy is being finalised and will be published by the Minister in July 2024. Work has also commenced on the development of a future action plan to assist with the targeted delivery of the objectives within that Strategy. Again, this will be published by the Minister once it is fully developed.

8. Next Steps

The Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategic Forum has been established to ensure all actions are being taken in order to achieve the delivery of the casualty reduction targets expected by 2030. This Forum will continue to meet throughout the year to further develop the wider governance framework which will promote partnership working between all road safety partners, enable a coordinated approach to implementing action measures, and provide centralised monitoring and reporting on key performance indicators. The Forum members will continue to further progress the objectives of the Strategy and guide the work of the Tactical and Operational groups.

Annex A - 2023/24 End of Year Progress Update

Action Number	ACTION AREA	Action	Link to Outcomes	Key Delivery Partners	Lead Responsibility	RAG Status	End of Year Progress Update
EDUCATION & TRAINING							
01 - (23/24)	Influence Road Safety Behaviours	Dfl will work in partnership with key stakeholders to explore targeted initiatives to address road safety concerns and influence behaviours.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / DoJ / DfC	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		Strategy and Governance Branch met with a wide range of stakeholders both internal to the department, and external. Through this a 2023/24 action plan was developed and monitored throughout the reporting year. A revised Road Safety Strategy to 2030 has been developed for clearance by the Executive and will thereafter be published. Work has also commenced on the development of a 2024-25 Action Plan to support the strategy.
02 - (23/24)	Road Safety Education	Throughout 2023/24 Dfl will continue to chair and provide secretariat for the Road Safety Partners PR group monthly meetings. Membership of the group includes NIFRS, NIAS and PSNI, and the aims and objectives of the group is to develop and deliver consistent road safety education messages and initiatives via the Communication Forum.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / NIFRS / NIAS / PSNI	Dfl (Comms)		Monthly meetings held throughout the year. Last meeting this year held on 21st March 2024
03 - (23/24)	Child Pedestrian Training	Child Pedestrian Training: 3-year intensive supported scheme rolled out to 14 new primary schools in Autumn 2022, all will commence Stage 2 in Autumn and complete by 31 March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl (Active Travel Branch)		764 pupils in 14 schools participated in Stage 2 of the scheme. 10% overall increased pupil knowledge between pre and post Stage 2 of the scheme.

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04 - (23/24)	Cycling Proficiency Scheme	Cycling Proficiency Scheme: All new instructors to the scheme trained in time to deliver programme of lessons in their schools by 15/06/23. Pupil Evaluation to be issued by 31/05/23 to selected schools with results collated at end of September 2023. Final figures for participation (schools/pupils/etc.) collated in October 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl (Active Travel Branch)		150 schools delivered the scheme in the 2023 academic year. Number of teachers trained/ percentage who received required training. – 81 (100%). Total number of children who took part in CPS training. – 2393 pupils. Total number of children who attained CPS standard. – 2287 pupils (96%). Total number of children who wore helmet during training. – 2388 pupils (99.8%). 98% of children surveyed reported their cycling safety knowledge had increased. 83% of children surveyed now wear a helmet whilst cycling compared to 43% before participating in the scheme. 90% of children surveyed conduct a shoulder check for traffic whilst cycling compared to 30% before training.
05 - (23/24)	Teaching Aid Calendars	Teaching Aid Calendars: issued to every class in every nursery, primary and special school across Northern Ireland at the start of the 2022/23 academic year. Production for the Calendars for 2023/24 academic year is progressing however, due to budgetary pressures the calendars are likely to be produced in electronic form only.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl (Comms)		Electronic format Teaching Aid Calendars for the 2023/24 academic year were published on NI Direct in September 2023.

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06 - (23/24)	Tractor Driving Trainer	DAERA's College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) will deliver a (LANTRA) certified tractor driving training programme to 13-15 year olds across their 3 campuses (Greenmount, Loughrey and Enniskillen), which will seek to promote the health and safety of children and young people and to raise awareness of road safety matters with the aim of helping to address road safety concerns in rural communities and to reduce the number of farm related incidents. The programme will be delivered to 74 young people by 31st March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DAERA / CAFRE	DAERA		72 learners completed the course with a 100% pass rate.
07 - (23/24)	Ride Safe Equine Training	CAFRE will provide a programme of training and assessment for the BHS Ride Safe Award for their Equine Apprentices and full-time students, which will aim to influence the students' road user behaviours by instilling in them the knowledge and confidence to ride in the most common environments, including riding safely on the road, along public rights of way and across agricultural land, keeping them, their horse, and all other road users safe. 15 learners are anticipated to complete this programme.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DAERA / CAFRE	DAERA		31 learners have successfully completed this qualification.

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COMMUNICATION & AWARENESS							
08 - (23/24)	Increasing support and reducing the harm felt by those associated with Fatal RTCs	PSNI will establish a working group, which includes voluntary and statutory partners, to look at referral services, support gaps, and explore other harm reducing interventions. An initial meeting to be held, and Terms of Reference agreed by October 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	Voluntary Sector Stakeholders	PSNI		This working group is now established and operating as Business as Usual. This action can be CLOSED.
09 - (23/24)	Road Safety Communication and Awareness	<p>Officials will continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders to bring forward targeted communication to raise awareness on issues impacting on road safety including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorcyclists Safety; • Pedestrian Safety; • Cyclist Safety; • Increasing the profile of horse riders as vulnerable road users; • Careless driving; and • Other key causation factors of road traffic collisions. <p>Work will also be undertaken with stakeholders to promote the online pledge to ‘Share the Road to Zero’ to raise awareness and start societal conversations around the responsibility we all share for road safety.</p>	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl and key stakeholder representative bodies	Dfl (Comms)		<p>Comprehensive social media programme ran on Share the Road to Zero website and Facebook and X accounts April 2023 until March 2024 promoting road safety and addressing main causation factors.</p> <p>Sponsorship from the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership enabled campaign advertising addressing Careless Driving and Speeding from December to mid-March 2023/24. This included TV, radio, outdoor, cinema and social media platforms.</p> <p>Promotional activity took place for Share the Road to Zero with NIFRS, NIAS, Roads Policing, Sustrans NI. NI Football Association, some councils and Ulster GAA among some of the organisations that took the Road Safety Pledge.</p>

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10 - (23/24)	Road Safety Campaign Advertising	In the absence of funding for campaign advertising, DfI will continue to promote road safety messages, addressing the main causation factors for road traffic collisions whilst also targeting those groups most at risk on NI roads; namely 17-24 year old males, older road users, children, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DfI and key stakeholder representative bodies	DfI (Comms)		Comprehensive social media programme ran on Share the Road to Zero website and Facebook and X accounts April 2023 until March 2024 promoting road safety and addressing main causation factors. Sponsorship from the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership enabled campaign advertising addressing Careless Driving and Speeding from December to mid-March 2023/24. This included TV, radio, outdoor, cinema and social media platforms.
11 - (23/24)	Road Safety Promotion	CAFRE, as part of its Student Support Service provision, will promote the importance of road safety to all CAFRE students. This will involve the delivery of talks and demonstrations organised in conjunction with the NI emergency services to help increase awareness of, and influence behaviour change on, road safety among young drivers including those from a rural community background. This programme of work will be primarily targeted at new to CAFRE learners in 23/24 from September 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DAERA/ CAFRE / NIAS / NIFRS / PSNI / DfI	DAERA		380 learners have attended Road Safety talks with the PSNI and NIFRS since September 2023. The College promoted the Share the Road to Zero campaign during National Road Safety Week.
ACTIVE & SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL							
12 - (23/24)	Active Travel Delivery Plan	The Department has commissioned consultants to complete a Northern Ireland wide Active Travel Delivery Plan which it is intended to publish for consultation towards the latter part of this calendar year.	Safe People Safe Roads	DfI	DfI (Active Travel Branch)		Timeline amended. The Northern Ireland Active Travel commission is ongoing, with consultants continuing to engage with the Department and stakeholders. The commission is expected to complete in the summer of 2024. A consultation on the Active Travel Delivery Plan will follow.

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POLICY / LEGISLATION / REGULATION							
13 - (23/24)	Introduction of a fixed penalty for careless driving	Dfl will implement two Statutory Rules required to introduce the new fixed penalty by 30 April 2023, and will facilitate the operational implementation of the new fixed penalties from 15 May 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl (SATD - RUBLB)		Two Statutory Rules were made in April 2023 and became operational on 15 May 2023. Action Completed.
14 - (23/24)	Review of Mobile Phone Legislation	Dfl will issue a public consultation paper, proposing to broaden the current offence of using a mobile phone when driving, by 30 November 2023 and will introduce the new regulations by 31 March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl (SATD - RUBLB)		Work has progressed on a draft paper for a public consultation on mobile phone use in a vehicle. Due to the resourcing position and another competing priority concerning the renewal of the Course for Drink Driving Offenders (CDDO), this work has been delayed.
15 - (23/24)	Review of the Drink Driving regime	Dfl will complete the retender for the provision of Courses for Drink Drive Offenders (CDDO) and will prepare a public consultation paper on Short Term Disqualifications by 31 December 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl (SATD - RUBLB)		The current contract for CDDO provision has been extended to September 2024. Work continues in respect of the retendering process for a new contract. Work on a public consultation on disqualification for low level alcohol offences was paused due to resourcing issues and a competing priority emerging (a PSNI request for type approval of a drugs wipe). Work on that matter is at an advanced stage.

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16 - (23/24)	Legislation to ban tyres aged 10 years and older on in-scope vehicles.	Dfl will introduce Legislation to ban tyres aged 10 years and older being used on front axles of heavy goods vehicles, buses and coaches and on all axles on minibuses by 1 November 2023.	Safe People Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl (SATD - VPB)	Green	The Department brought in a set of regulations on 13 November 2023 introducing a ban on tyres aged 10 years and older on the front axles of HGV's, buses and coaches, and to the tyres on all axles of minibuses when fitted in single configuration. Action achieved.
17 - (23/24)	Review of E-scooters policy	Dfl will keep NI policy makers abreast of developments in GB and ROI through continuous engagement with DfT, Devolved Administrations and RSA, throughout the reporting year. Dfl will also engage with PSNI on a quarterly basis to share information on how legislation for the regulation of e-scooters is progressing in GB and to discuss developments in NI.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl (SATD - VPB)	Orange	In November 2023 the GB Government confirmed that it is not planning to legislate for micro mobility in the next parliamentary session, but will continue gathering evidence to ensure safety, user accountability and market growth are considered in any future laws. An extension to e-scooter trials in England for a further two years, to 31 May 2026 was also confirmed. Dfl have continued to engage with DfT and the PSNI. Position remains the same as at 31 March 2024.
18 - (23/24)	Criminal Justice Legislation	DoJ will continue preparatory work to allow for the introduction of a sentencing bill, including provisions which will contribute towards road safety, such as increasing the maximum sentence for causing death by dangerous driving.	Safe People Safe Roads	DoJ	DoJ	Green	This is an ongoing action. Following the return of the Assembly plans are now in hand for the introduction of a sentencing bill during the remainder of this Assembly mandate.

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19 - (23/24)	Powers to Prohibit Vehicles	By 30 September 2023 DVA will submit a policy intent document to the Department requesting an amendment to the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995 to enable Police and Vehicle Examiners to prohibit the continued driving of UK goods vehicles and buses used in contravention of drivers' hours rules.	Safe People Safe Roads	DVA / Dfl	Dfl - DVA		A policy intent document was submitted to the Department within the agreed timescale. Target achieved.
20 - (23/24)	Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)	Dfl will continue the preparatory work to amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (NI) 1996 and the Motor Vehicles (Specified Restrictions) Regulations (NI) 1998 and develop the GDL IT training programme and logbook for new candidates to commence driver training.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		A Ministerial submission has been prepared with a view to progressing the required subordinate legislation through the Assembly and to advise of revised learning to drive process and new practical driving test.
21 - (23/24)	Highway Code Update	Dfl will, by 31 January 2024, complete an update of the Highway Code for Northern Ireland to take account of any recent changes to policy, systems or technologies as well as consideration as to the appropriateness of adopting the changes implemented in GB in respect of the "Hierarchy of Road Users".	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		Carried Forward - Whilst work continues to progress on the updating of the Highway Code for Northern Ireland the scale of change, and the requirement for widespread engagement and consultation, is such that this action will be carried forward into 2024/25.

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22 - (23/24)	Pavement Parking	Dfl will finalise the report on the 2021/22 Pavement Parking Consultation and develop proposals for a possible way forward for Ministerial consideration.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl Roads		<p>A findings report from the consultation issued on 6 December 2023 – Inconsiderate Pavement Parking – Findings Report. A draft formal Departmental response is ready for consideration by the Minister and will be submitted to his office before Summer 2024.</p> <p>The Footways (Prohibition of Waiting) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023 came into operation on 2 November 2023. It prohibits parking on the footway beside bus lanes, bus stops, mandatory cycle lanes and mandatory school keep clears. There has been a visible reduction in footway parking alongside certain bus stops in Belfast city centre.</p> <p>This action will be carried forward into 2024/25.</p>
23 - (23/24)	Rural Roads - Collision Investigation	Dfl will continue to examine the nature of collisions on rural roads and consider if engineering-based solutions would mitigate risks.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl Roads		Data has been provided by ASRB and will be examined April/May 2024.
24 - (23/24)	Road Infrastructure Safety Management Directive	By 31 March 2024 Dfl will develop an action plan for formulating a safety ranking for our motorways and any primary roads which connect our cities and regions with a view to meeting the requirements of the Road Infrastructure Safety Management Directive II (RISM II).	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl Roads		Drafting of a methodology / Action Plan for the completion of the first element of this work, the surveys, is substantially complete and it is intended to start surveying during May/June. Work developing a procedure for the second element, the safety analysis/ranking system, will progress in parallel with the surveys.

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25 - (23/24)	Speed Indicator Devices	Dfl will work with stakeholders (PSNI, PCSPs & DoJ) to produce a Policy Document by 31 March 2024, on the use of Speed Indicator Devices - which are devices provided by others aimed at changing driver behaviour and improving road safety.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl Roads	Green	A policy paper, setting out the Department's position in relation to Speed Indicator Devices issued on 27 November 2023 Action complete.
26 - (23/24)	Speed Limit at Schools	Dfl will undertake a review of the 20 mph part-time speed limits at schools program by 31 March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl Roads	Orange	Review substantially complete. Participating schools were sent a questionnaire during 2023 and the responses have been collated and examined. A draft report summarising the responses along with comments received from PSNI and TRAM Divisions is ready for consideration by the Minister. This action will be carried forward into 2024/25.
27 - (23/24)	Strategic Road Scheme Development	Dfl will work with stakeholders to ensure that road safety is a key priority in the development of strategic road schemes.	Safe Roads	Dfl and key stakeholder representative bodies	Dfl Roads	Green	This is an ongoing action. Road safety remains a key priority in the development of strategic road schemes.
TECHNOLOGY							
28 - (23/24)	Cyclist Detection Technology Review	Dfl will extend the testing of technologies, to identify a wide range of active travel modes at signalised junctions, with installation to commence not later than 01 October 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl - TICC	Green	Sensor Operation and Data Provision (Phase 5) ongoing and on target, until December 2024.

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29 - (23/24)	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	By 31 March 2024 DVA will continue to enhance its ICT Compliance and Enforcement System to improve functionality and access to information which will allow DVA to better target the least compliant vehicle owners/operators at the roadside and will do this by procuring and installing an ANPR system in at least 5 of its enforcement vehicles.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		Compliance ICT Release 11 went live during December 2023. This release included the introduction of a new Operator Compliance Risk Score (OCRS) system and annual MOT 'first time pass/fail rate calculator. A tender for the procurement of ANPR equipment launched during February 2024 and closed March 2024. Target partially achieved.
30 - (23/24)	ICT workflows	DVA will continue to work in partnership with the Department to integrate its IT workflows between Compliance and the TRU to speed up regulatory follow-up action based on enforcement outcomes by 31 July 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads	DVA	Dfl - DVA		Further upgrade work including technical fixes were carried out on the live system to ensure that regulatory cases can be efficiently prepared and shared with the Department's Transport Regulation Unit.
31 - (23/24)	Digital Short-Range Communication system	DVA will research the market and procure a Digital Short-Range Communication (DSRC) system by 31 March 2024 to enhance the detection of tachograph and drivers' hours offences at the roadside.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		DVA has completed its necessary market research in consultation with DVSA. Next steps will require the development of a draft technical specification / procurement tender; however, this work has been paused due to ongoing Departmental capital funding constraints. Target achieved.
32 - (23/24)	Diesel Particulate Test	By 31 March 2024 DVA will carry out a roadside trial of diesel particulate test equipment to inform the development of new enforcement policy.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		Diesel Particulate Test Equipment has been fully trialled. The information collected will provide an excellent baseline of data to help inform future policy development. Target achieved.

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33 - (23/24)	Speed Limiter Set checks	DVA will implement checks, using OBD analysing equipment, on the speed limiter set speed on compatible heavy goods vehicles by 31 March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		DVA has procured new OBD test equipment and has conducted some initial speed limiter test trials. New speed limiter test policy is currently under development. Target partially achieved.
34 - (23/24)	Portable Vehicle Lift	DVA will introduce, by 31 March 2024, a 2.5t portable vehicle lift to assist with the technical inspection of vehicles at the roadside to ensure vehicle roadworthiness tests can be effectively enforced.	Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		The procurement of a specialist trailer to transport a new lift has been paused due to Departmental capital funding constraints.
35 - (23/24)	Roadside Testing	DVA will introduce, by 31 March 2024, calibrated sound meters to assist with the enforcement of noisy and nuisance vehicle noise emissions at the roadside.	Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		Sound meters have been procured and deployed at the roadside during joint PSNI road safety operations. Prosecution action has been instigated against several drivers based on noise measurement results. Target Achieved.
SERVICE DELIVERY & IMPROVEMENT							
36 - (23/24)	Conditional Offers	By 31 March 2024 DVA will submit a policy intent document to the Department setting out the circumstances under which it is proposed that conditional offers can be offered to the operators and drivers of commercial vehicles.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA	Dfl - DVA		A policy intent document was submitted to the Department within the agreed timescale. Target achieved.
37 - (23/24)	Historical Offences	By 31 March 2024 DVA will submit a policy intent document to the Department requesting an amendment to the Road Traffic Offenders (NI) Order 1996 to enable fixed penalties to be issued in respect of historical drivers' hours offences.	Safe People	DVA	Dfl - DVA		A policy intent document was submitted to the Department within the agreed timescale. Target achieved.

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38 - (23/24)	Compliance Audits	DVA will carry out at least 80 goods compliance audits within 12 weeks of receiving request in line with the Statement of Service Agreement with TRU by 31 March 2024.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	DVA / Dfl	Dfl - DVA		<p>Goods Compliance Audits assess how effectively licensed transport operators manage their business by ensuring that legal undertakings and licensing conditions are met.</p> <p>Achieving these targets has contributed to the promotion of road safety and fair competition, through the safe and proper use of goods vehicles and the protection of the environment.</p> <p>Target Achieved.</p>
39 - (23/24)	Compliance & Enforcement	DVA will continue to deliver its compliance and enforcement functions through the detection and prosecution of non-compliant road users through the conclusion of prosecutions via all available avenues including conditional offers, prohibitions, fixed penalty notices and – where necessary - pursuit of convictions through the courts.	Safe People Safe Roads	DVA	Dfl - DVA		<p>In 2023/24 the DVA were active across the full range of enforcement activities, having checked 2,761 vehicles, issued 579 fixed penalty notices to the amount of £81,230 in fines, carried out 39 joint operations with the PSNI, 17 cross border operations with An Garda Síochána, and 50 spot checks on school buses. In addition, there were 73 successful convictions.</p> <p>Target Achieved.</p>
40 - (23/24)	Motor Insurers Bureau Agreements	Dfl will, by 31 October 2023, update the agreements with the Motor Insurers Bureau to provide effective and efficient processing of claims against uninsured or untraced drivers.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl	Dfl (SATD - DPB)		<p>The new 2024 Northern Ireland Agreements between the Department for Infrastructure and the Motor Insurers Bureau – protecting victims of collisions caused by uninsured or untraced drivers – have been agreed and are now in place.</p>

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41 - (23/24)	Promote Road Safety	The NIRSP Board will meet each quarter throughout the reporting year to promote road safety through speeding enforcement and other road safety interventions approved by the board. NIRSP should be represented within the Dfl Governance around the Strategy.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	PSNI with input from stakeholders	PSNI		The Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership Board met on a quarterly basis and an Annual Report for 2023 will be published on the NISRA website during the summer of 2024.
GOVERNANCE & DELIVERY							
42 - (23/24)	Governance Framework	Dfl will develop a governance framework to ensure effective delivery, monitoring and review of the Strategy. This will include consideration of processes which will support collaborative partnership working to encourage a shared understanding of road safety and ensure a joined-up approach to the delivery of the Strategy.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl with input from stakeholders	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		Terms of Reference have been agreed by the Strategic Road Safety Forum, chaired by Dfl. This has been supported by a formal Tactical Forum consisting of road safety action owners, and a range of operational fora. This framework facilitates regular meeting of all key stakeholders ensuring the development, monitoring and reporting on road safety strategies, actions and results.
43 - (23/24)	Strategic Partnership Working	Dfl officials will continue to engage with relevant Departments and agencies across these islands on road safety matters.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / other Government Departments / Department for Transport / Devolved Administrations / Road Safety Authority	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		The Department attended monthly meetings with Road Safety leads from Scotland and Wales, and continued to engage with DfT on Road Safety matters. Road Safety was also on the Agenda of the North South Ministerial Council and these levels of engagement will continue into the future.
44 - (23/24)	Reporting & Monitoring	The Department will, by 31 May 2023, undertake a public consultation on the proposed key performance indicators to be used to record and monitor progress against the Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy to 2030.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl with input from stakeholders	Dfl - ASRB		Consultation was undertaken which led to the development of new KPIs for the Road Safety Strategy being published in June 2024.

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45 - (23/24)	Key Performance Indicators	The Department will, by 31 August 2023, complete a review and assessment of the responses to the public consultation on the key performance indicators (see action 32) and produce a summary report and response.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		The Consultation Report, published on 5 September 2023, provided results from the consultation exercise and outlined which new KPIs would be included in the revised Road Safety Strategy.
46 - (23/24)	Research – Careless Driving	The Department will, by 31 July 2023, produce a report on Careless Driving, assessing the trends and patterns for consideration by policy and operational colleagues and stakeholders.	Safe People Safe Roads	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		A report on Careless Driving was published on 6 July 2023, which assessed trends and patterns in Careless Driving KSIs for the past ten years.
47 - (23/24)	Departmental Board Reports	The Department will provide infographics to the Dfl Board on a Bi-monthly basis to illustrate the increasing risk of death or serious injury on NI Roads along with an outline of the work being undertaken to reduce those figures.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		Officials provided road safety statistics / infographics to keep the Departmental Board informed of the increasing numbers of those killed and seriously injured on our roads.
48 - (23/24)	Research – Problem Profiles	Through the analysis of available statistics, the Department will, during the reporting year, commission two “Problem Profiles” which will identify key and emerging risks to road safety so as to inform Departmental policy and enforcement operations.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		Only one problem profile was produced during the year which is referenced in Action 46 (23/24).
49 - (23/24)	Road Safety Strategy Reporting	The Department will publish a report on the progress of the Road Safety Strategy to 2030, reviewing the year 2022, by 30 September 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl with input from stakeholders	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		The Progress Report on 2022 Actions was published on 22 September 2023 and can be found at the following link: https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/consultation-outcome-report-new-road-safety-strategy-northern-ireland-2030

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50 - (23/24)	Research - Clinically Serious Injured	The Department will publish a research paper on Clinically Serious Injured (MAIS 3+) road casualties by 30 September 2023	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		The MAIS 3+ report was published on 4 August 2023. Comparison of hospital admissions for road traffic collision injures with PSNI Serious Injuries.
51 - (23/24)	Research - Cycling Proficiency Scheme	The Department will publish a report on the Cycling Proficiency Scheme by 31 December 2023.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl / PSNI	Dfl - ASRB		Report investigating the impact of the Cycling Proficiency Scheme in Northern Ireland was published on 21 December 2023.
52 - (23/24)	Delivery of the Strategy	Dfl will develop an action plan for 2023/24 and, by 31 March 2024, identify longer-term actions for inclusion in a long-term action plan that will allow for the strategic outcomes to be delivered.	Safe People Safe Roads Safe Vehicles	Dfl with input from stakeholders	Dfl (SATD - SGB)		The 2023/24 Action Plan was published and monitored through regular engagement with Road Safety Partner Action Leads. A schedule for the consideration and development of future actions beyond April 2024 has been agreed, with the Action Plan 2024/25 to be developed once a budgetary position is established.

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