

Niamh Brennan

GRADUATE POLICE OFFICER



EXPERIENCE

Retail Security Officer, Securitas UK, Belfast *Sep 2024 – Mar 2026*
Full-time security officer deployed at Victoria Square Shopping Centre in Belfast city centre.

- Monitored CCTV across **48 cameras** and conducted foot patrols covering **over 800,000 sq ft** of retail space
- Responded to an average of **12 incidents per week** including shoplifting, anti-social behaviour, and medical emergencies
- Detained **over 30 individuals** suspected of theft using SIA-approved techniques, resulting in **23 successful prosecutions**
- Wrote detailed incident reports for each event, which were shared with PSNI officers and centre management

Student Ambassador, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast *Jan 2023 – Jun 2024*
Part-time role representing the university at open days, school visits, and community outreach events.

- Gave campus tours to **over 500 prospective students and families** across 12 open day events
- Represented the School of Law at **6 secondary school visits** in Belfast and Derry

CERTIFICATIONS

SIA Door Supervisor Licence, Security Industry Authority *Jul 2024 – Aug 2024*

Emergency First Aid at Work, St John Ambulance *Aug 2024 – Aug 2024*

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (Level 2), Victim Support NI *Sep 2023 – Oct 2023*

PROJECTS

Dissertation: Community Policing Perceptions in Belfast *Oct 2023 – Apr 2024*
Explored how residents in post-conflict neighbourhoods in Belfast perceive the effectiveness and trustworthiness of community policing initiatives.

- Conducted **18 semi-structured interviews** with residents across 4 neighbourhoods in north and west Belfast
- Found that **72% of participants** felt community policing had improved trust in the PSNI over the past decade, but **44%** still expressed reservations about reporting certain crimes
- Recommendations were shared with the PSNI Community Engagement team at a university research event

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Volunteer, Victim Support Northern Ireland *Jan 2023 – Dec 2025*
Trained volunteer providing emotional and practical support to victims of crime.

- Completed **over 200 hours** of support work, assisting victims with court preparation, safety planning, and emotional support
- Supported **35 individual cases** across domestic violence, burglary, and assault referrals

Youth Mentor, East Belfast Mission *Sep 2022 – Jun 2023*
Weekly youth mentoring sessions with young people aged 14 to 18 at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour.

- Mentored **4 young people** on a one-to-one basis, meeting weekly for 10 months

PROFILE

Criminology graduate from Queen's University Belfast with **3 years** of experience in community-facing roles including retail security, youth mentoring, and victim support volunteering. Completed over **200 hours** of volunteering with Victim Support NI and gained direct insight into how crime affects communities. Physically fit, holding a current gym membership with a **5K time of 22 minutes**. Applying for the Police Service of Northern Ireland graduate entry programme and committed to building trust between the police and the communities they serve.

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) Criminology in Criminology

Queen's University Belfast, Belfast

Sep 2021 – Jul 2024

SKILLS

- Conflict De-escalation
- Incident Report Writing
- CCTV Monitoring
- Community Engagement
- Statement Taking
- Physical Fitness
- Victim Support
- Team Working Under Pressure
- Attention to Detail
- Microsoft Office Suite

LANGUAGES

- English - Native
- Irish - Basic

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