



#### Crime in Northern Ireland

140,000 2002/3

128,000 2003/4

112,000 2004/5



#### Robberies in Northern Ireland

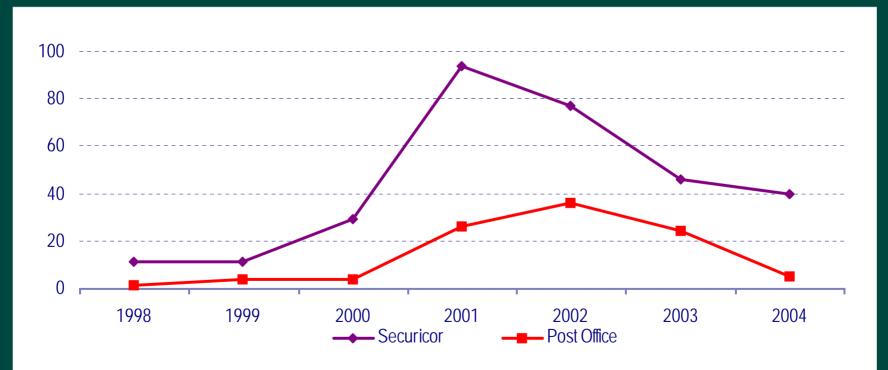
**2500 2002/3** 

2000 2003/4

1500 2004/5



#### Cash in transit armed robberies





#### Crime in Northern Ireland

Not unique
But different



#### Crime in Northern Ireland

- Terrorist based groups
- Skills honed in terrorism
- Intimidation
- Use of violence
- Networks



#### Tiger Kidnaps

The abduction or holding of a hostage with the intention of forcing an employee to assist in the immediate theft of money or other valuables from any institution, or secure the immediate payment of a ransom by a relative or another



# The Northern Bank Robbery

37,000,000 euros



#### The Northern Bank Robbery Implications

**Primary Objectives** 

Prevent kidnap

**Prosecute offenders** 

**Encourage investment** 



#### Preventing Attacks – police

- Intelligence led operations
  - Disruption
  - Arrests
- Prosecution



#### **Preventing Attacks - staff**

- Vetting
- Confidential reporting
- Selection
- Kidnap reporting procedures
- Training



#### **Preventing Attacks - systems**

- Joint police / CIT control room
- Time lapse safes
- Better cash boxes
- Quality CCTV
- Remote monitoring
- Tracking



#### **Preventing Attacks – Management**

- Executive awareness
- Mystery shoppers
- Security culture
- Security investment



#### **Prosecuting offenders**

- Audit trail for notes
- Dyed notes
- Average sentence NI 4 ½ years
- Average sentence UK 9 years
- Partnership approach

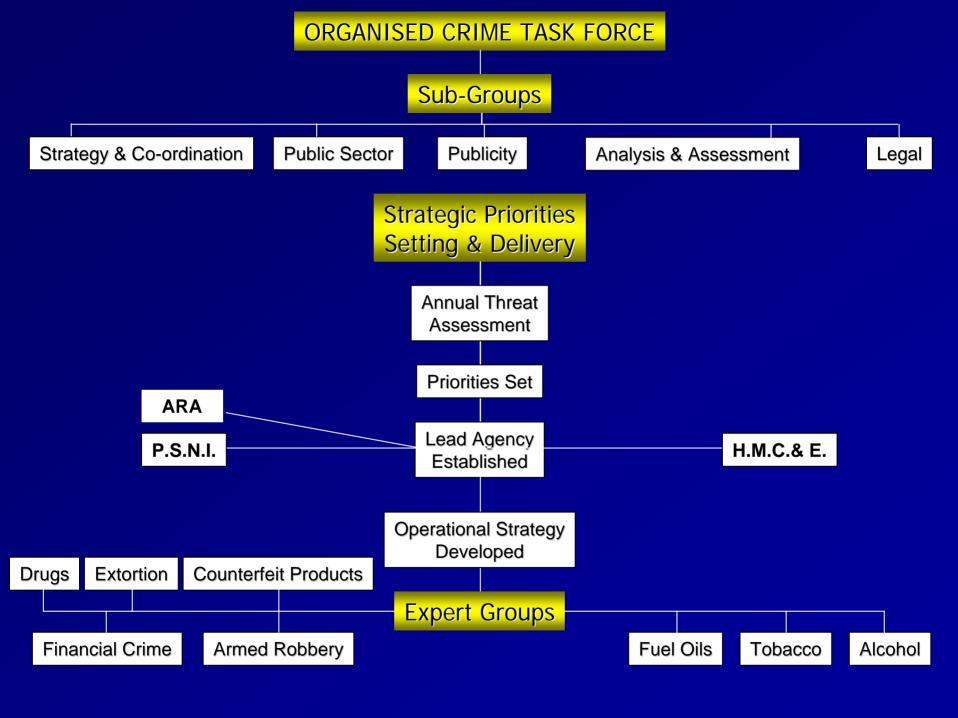


## Northern Ireland Organised Crime Task Force



#### OCTF Strategic Priorities for 2004 - 2005







#### **EXPERT GROUPS**

- Share information
- Accurately assess the scale of the organised crime problem
- •Identify barriers to combating the crime type successfully and
- Devise strategies/action plans to tackle the problem holistically



#### ROBBERY EXPERT GROUP

- Securicor / Brinks /Post Office
- Banks
- •Gallaghers
- PSNI Robbery Squad
- **•PSNI Crime Prevention**
- Uniform police



#### ROBBERY EXPERT GROUP

- Robbery problem profile
- High risk DCUs identified
- •Single points of contact in DCUs established
- Joint police / CIT company operations room established
- •Initiatives funded cash box etc



### Questions?