



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC
TO BE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
ON MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022 AT 3.00 PM**

AGENDA

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Item: No.1

NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 6th December 2021 at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Karl Mitchell, Superintendent Brian Daly, John Redmond, Michelle Mc Nally.

The retirement of Aidan Maher was noted. Members of the committee thanked Aidan for his contribution to the NWA JPC over the last 7 years.

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 27 th September 2021 and matters arising	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Presentation on 'Be Winter Ready' by Sergeant Peter Foley.	Sergeant Peter Foley gave a PowerPoint presentation providing safety advice over the Winter months. The presentation included advice around socialising safely, shopping and protecting your home. The presentation followed with a Q&A. The members welcomed the presentation.
3.	Proposed Meeting dates for 2022.	Agreed. The dates for 2022 have being agreed by the Chief Executive's office and are noted in the City Council diary. Lisa will send a Calendar request to all members.
4.	Dublin City Council NWA Halloween Report 2021.	Report noted.
5.	Local Fora Updates.	Reports Noted.
6.	Garda Update.	Statistic reports noted. Superintendent Burke gave an update on Finglas by way of a PowerPoint presentation. Statistics on Domestic Violence reports discussed. Suggestions to increase awareness of supports available noted by AGS. Hugh Greaves requested an update on the Garda access to CCTV system in Ballymun. After a discussion from members on the CCTV system in Ballymun, the following actions were agreed. a) An update to be sent to all members before Christmas in relation to Garda

		<p>monitoring the system and information on the status of the live feed from CCTV control room into the Ballymun Garda Station.</p> <p>b) The Chairperson to consider requesting a special meeting, in accordance with the JPC guidelines, to discuss the findings of an initial internal review undertaken by DCC in relation to the Ballymun Town Centre CCTV system.</p>
7.	Strategic Questions.	Replies received. Agreed.
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.30pm Date of next meeting 28th March 2022</p>		

Attendance:

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Noeleen Reilly, Anthony Connaghan, Caroline Conroy, Mary Callaghan, Briege Mac Oscar.

TDs: Deputy Roisin Shortall, Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Deputy Dessie Ellis.

Officials: Aidan Maher (Area Manager-Finglas), Jackie O'Reilly (A/Area Manager-Ballymun), Lisa Flanagan (Staff Officer).

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Chief Superintendent Mark Curran, Superintendent Peter Burke, Insp. Luke Lacey, Insp. Andy Tuite, Sergeant Peter Foley.

Community Reps: Tony Byrne.

Safety Fora Reps:

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves.

Others: Sarah Middleton (Executive Officer, AGS).

Apologies: Karl Mitchell, Superintendent Brian Daly, John Redmond, Michelle Mc Nally.

Councillor Keith Connolly
Chairperson

Item No. 3

North West Area

Joint Policing Sub Committee

Annual Work Plan 2021/2022 (Draft)

	Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Outcome
1	Keeping People Safe-Crime.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Reduce crime and the fear of crime through multi-agency diversion activities, providing crime prevention advice and responding to evolving threats.</p> <p>Enhance our capacity to identify and deprive criminals of illegally obtained assets.</p> <p>Reduce community harm issues especially the sale and supply of illegal drugs (organised crime) and crimes against property such as burglary.</p>	An Garda Síochána.	
2	Community Policing.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Continue to further engage with communities and stakeholders, listening to and understanding their policing needs and working in partnership to address them.</p> <p>Establish a roadmap to ensure our services are accessible to all, thus improving the community's quality of life</p>	An Garda Síochána.	

			Continue to work in partnership with stakeholders in supporting diversity within the community of the North West Area.		
3	Keeping People Safe-Roads.	Garda Policing Plan	<p>Contribute to the Government Road Safety Strategy, working in partnership on education and targeting enforcement activities to reduce deaths and serious injuries</p> <p>Safeguarding road users by an increase in key lifesaver offence enforcement and detections (speeding, seatbelts, mobile phones and driving under the influence).</p> <p>Disrupt known criminals' activities through strict enforcement of road traffic legislation and denying them the use of the roads.</p>	An Garda Síochána.	
4	Safer Streets	Citywide JPC	<p>Additional mobile and beat patrols in North West Area to ensure a safer environment.</p> <p>Explore alternative methods of communication during Covid-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>Safety Fora to increase online presence to disseminate information to the public.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>Dublin City Council.</p> <p>Finglas Safety Fora Coordinator.</p>	
5	Tackling Drugs	Citywide JPC	<p>A multiagency approach through AGS and DCC to tackle drug problem across North West Area.</p> <p>Safety Fora to circulate information on drug related support and reporting on drug litter.</p>	Dublin City Council. An Garda Síochána. Task Forces.	
6	Small Areas Policing	Citywide JPC	Implementation of SAPs policing in H District through Sgt. Moran NPU Ballymun and Sgt. Monahan NPU Santry.	An Garda Síochána	

7	Provide an Outreach service for areas in the NWA	Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force Ballymun Task Force	Outreach worker to operate from a unit in the Barry Shops complex. Provide an Out Reach service for Poppintree & Courts Area.	Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force Ballymun Task Force	
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A. Ballymun

Following on from the last JPC meeting in December 2021, a number of commitments were agreed between Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána at subsequent meetings to address areas of concern and issues raised by residents and public reps. Short term actions have been agreed and implemented to address anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in specific locations.

Dublin City Council & the Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force secured funding to appoint an External Safety Coordinator to coordinate the delivery of the actions in the Ballymun Safety Strategy adopted in March 2021. We advertised the post in December, however none of the candidates that applied met the criteria outlined. We will re-advertise the post in the coming weeks.

A Ballymun Steering group meeting will be arranged in April, followed by a public Safety Forum meeting. Dublin City Council have established a Youth Advocacy Group in Ballymun it is the intention that these youths will engage with the Safer Ballymun Network and will be represented on the Safer Ballymun Steering Committee. We endeavour to bring their voice, ideas and potential solutions to issues raised to fruition.

The main safety matters of concern raised over the past few months are:

- Open drug dealing around the Dolmen Court
- Anti-social behaviour & drug dealing at St. Josephs Hill
- Increased levels of anti-social behaviour and intimidation at Poppintree Sports Centre
- Increased number of scramblers and stolen cars in the area
- Large gatherings of youths around Poppintree Parade shops
- Increased levels of anti-social behaviour at Hampton Woods

Our Housing Manager and Project Estate Team have continued to work closely with the local Gardaí to follow up on and investigate complaints as received.

Statistics outlined below since 6th December 2021 to date;

- 6 Tenancy Warnings have been served
- 1 technical eviction
- 1 Section 20 request to An Garda Síochána (remove illegal occupiers from DCC property)
- 1 property returned to stock through abandonment notice

B. Finglas

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and the local Gardaí, have agreed and arranged dates to hold Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas on the following dates:

- Finglas South, Erin's Isle –Monday 14th March 2022.
- Finglas East, St Canice's BNS – Tuesday 15th March 2022.
- Finglas West, St Fergal's BNS – Monday 28th March 2022.

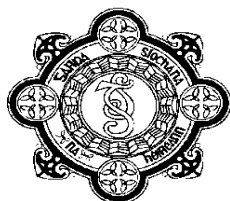
The meetings will be held in person and the details of meetings have been circulated to residents via the Safety Forum email, text and address database, as well as via social media platforms ie. Safety Forum Facebook and Twitter.

The main policing issues raised to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator have been:

- Serious concerns raised by the community of large numbers of males aged 9-15 years of age from the Finglas and Cabra area engaging in anti-social behaviour. One incident that occurred early January resulted in young people from both areas confronting each other at Broombridge, many of whom were reportedly armed with sticks, baseball bats, golf clubs, bicycle saddle bars and possibly some concealed weapons. The Family Safety Forum Coordinator in conjunction with the Cabra Community Policing Forum Coordinator arranged a meeting with representatives from the youth services in both areas and Gardai from both respective areas. The Safety Forum, Cabra Policing Forum and youth services are continuing to engage with the local Guards in respect to this matter and further information that may be received.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour at Kilshane Court senior citizens complex e.g. garden furniture being stolen.
- Reports of drug dealing occurring in Mellows Park, Finglas West.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Gortbeg e.g. joyriding and a car being.

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Ballymun



Garda Síochána Act 2005 – Joint Policing Guidelines 15.9

The following is compiled by way of general information, for the period under review, as per regulation 17.6, in accordance with the headings specified in that regulation, (1) Commission of Crime and (2) Crime Prevention matters.

Garda Station / (Sub)District	H District - Ballymun	Period	29 th Nov – 13 th March
Chief / Superintendent	Chief Supt Mark Curran	Date of JPC Meeting	28/3/22

Reports Of	2021	2022	Change	Detection Rate 2021	Detection Rate 2022	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	14	18	29%	21%	22%	
Assault Minor	29	16	-45%	3%	13%	
Aggravated Burglary	2	2	0%	0%	0%	
Burglary	21	30	43%	29%	10%	
Criminal Damage	79	58	-27%	22%	12%	
Discharge of Firearm	0	1	100%	0%	0%	
Robbery from Person	5	5	0%	20%	20%	
Robbery from Establishments	2	0	-100%	100%	0%	
Theft from the Person	2	3	50%	0%	0%	
Theft from MPV	28	16	-43%	18%	0%	
Traffic / UT of Vehicle	9	14	56%	11%	29%	
Theft from Shop	65	67	3%	40%	30%	
Theft (Other)	25	23	-8%	32%	13%	
Fraud / Deception	56	44	-21%	9%	2%	

Public Order Incidents	57	42	-26%	72%	45%	
Domestic Violence - Incidents	116	147	27%	n/a	n/a	

Reports Of	2021	2022	Change	Detection Rate 2021	Detection Rate 2022	Comments
Domestic Violence - Breach of Orders	19	14	-26%	89%	71%	
Dog Offences	0	0	0%	0%	0%	
Offences against Animals	0	1	100%	0%	0%	

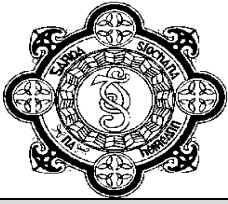
Garda Patrol Activity	2021	2022	Change	Detection Rate 2021	Detection Rate 2022	Comments
Possession of Firearm	0	0	0%	0%	0%	
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	46	48	4%	50%	38%	
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	49	18	-63%	90%	56%	
Possession of Offensive Weapon	9	11	22%	67%	73%	
Searches under Drugs Act	673	355	-47%	n/a	n/a	Seen as a positive in proactively policing anti social behaviour
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	103	59	-43%	n/a	n/a	Seen as a positive in proactively policing road crime

**Crime Prevention
Matters and Other
Information**

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It should be noted that in any reference to statistics, those statistics are provisional, operational, liable to change and some possibly re-classified with the introduction of Central Statistics Office reports.

Finglas



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Garda Station / (Sub)District	Finglas	3 Month Period	1 st December- 28 th February
Chief / Superintendent	Finbarr Murphy	Date of JPC Meeting	Monday 28 th March

	2021	2022	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2020*	Detection Rate 2021*	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	15	16	+6%	34%	15%	Similar levels reported
Assault Minor	45	32	-28%	18%	12.5%	Slight reduction in offences reported
Aggravated Burglary	1	4	+300%	33%	16%	Noticeable increase
Burglary	17	41	+141%	17%	8%	Noticeable increase
Criminal Damage	80	101	+26%	20%	21%	Noticeable increase
Discharge of Firearm	1	1	0%	25%	0%	No Change
Robbery from Person	3	3	0%	10%	9%	No Change
Robbery from Establishments	4	1	-75%	58%	78%	Reduction in offences reported
Theft from the Person	2	1	-50%	29%	42%	Similar levels reported
Theft from MPV	48	20	-58%	7.5%	6%	Noticeable reduction
Theft from Shop	62	112	+80%	66%	42%	Noticeable increase
Theft (Other)	112	96	-14%	21%	13%	Similar levels reported
UT of Vehicle	20	41	+105%	14%	6%	Noticeable increase
Fraud / Deception	24	31	+29%	12%	12%	Similar levels reported
Public Order Incidents	92	74	-19%	87%	78%	Similar levels reported

* Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Garda Patrol Activity	2021	2022	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2020*	Detection Rate 2021*	Comments
ASBO Issued	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	No change
Possession of Firearm	1	0	-100%	14%	25%	Similar levels reported
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	32	36	+12.5%	81%	74%	Similar levels reported
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	113	46	-59%	93%	86%	Noticeable reduction
Possession of Offensive Weapon	7	8	+14%	81%	74%	Similar levels reported
Searches under Drugs Act	311	126	-59%	N/A	N/A	Noticeable reduction
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	140	106	-24%	N/A	N/A	Noticeable reduction

*Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Domestic Violence	2021	2022	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2020*	Detection Rate 2021*	Comments
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	123	106	-13%			Slight reduction
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	27	27	N/A			No changed

~ Domestic Violence Orders Include Barring Orders, Safety Orders and Protection Orders
- denotes previous period as zero: Percentage cannot be calculated.