



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES
ON MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023 AT 3.00 PM**

AGENDA

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

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NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 27th March at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Chief Superintendent Mark Curran, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas), John Redmond (Community Rep). The committee thanked Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy for all his support and contribution over the last number of years as this will be his last NWA JPC before he retires in June.

| Item | | Action |
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| 1. | Minutes of meeting held on 05 th December 2022 and matters arising. | Agreed. Follow up's completed. |
| 2. | Local Fora Updates | Agreed. Shane Smart, new Safety Coordinator was welcomed. Concern was raised in relation to some members of the public in attendance at recent Safety Fora meetings and disruptions caused as a result. Stricter controls and support from AGS at the meetings to ensure those attending adhere to rules of the meeting has been welcomed. |
| 3. | Garda Update. | Statistic reports noted. Decrease in the numbers of many crimes reported has been very welcomed by the committee members |
| 4. | Strategic Questions. | Replies received and agreed |
| 5. | AOB | Members discussed correspondence received from An Taoiseach's Office in December 2022 regarding a proposed €2m funding for the Ballymun Area. The possibility of setting up a Sub Committee Group in relation to this funding was suggested and members have asked for clarification with regards to the criteria for the use of this funding to be provided prior to a Sub Committee Group being formed. The committee also requested that a note of thanks be sent to Áine Fitzgerald – Principal of St Joseph's GNS as she will leave the role shortly - for all her hard work and commitment to the school and local area |

The meeting concluded at 16.20pm
Date of next meeting Monday 26th June 2023 @ 3pm

Attendance:

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

TDs: Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Deputy Dessie Ellis

Officials: Derek Kelly (Director of Services), Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Derek Healy (Area Housing Manager) Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Mary Bellew (Staff Officer)

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Superintendent Darren McCarthy

Community Reps: John Redmond, Tony Byrne, Theresa Lydon

Safety Fora Reps: Shane Smart

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves.

Others:

Apologies: Chief Superintendent Mark Curran, Deputy Roisin Shortall, Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas), John Redmond (Community Rep)

Keith Connolly

Chairperson

Ballymun Safety Report

The Safer Ballymun is a partnership between the Community, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force and An Garda Síochána. The focus is to engage in collaborative discussions to explore solutions to local safety concerns.

Safer Ballymun will advertised the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, in July. The role will be co-funded by Dublin City Council and the Drugs Task Force.

The Safer Ballymun Steering Committee met on 14th March and the 1st June to discuss current safety concerns in the community. The re-election of a steering committee was discussed and nominations forms are currently available from Ballymun.areoffice@dublincity.ie Dublin City Council have established a Youth Advocacy Group in Ballymun which has engaged with the Safer Ballymun Network and we anticipate that some of these youths may wish to be nominated for the Safer Ballymun Steering Committee.

The most recent Safer Ballymun public meeting took place on 13th June, in the Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre. Unfortunately there was some verbal abuse aimed at public representatives as they left the meeting this matter was addressed by An Garda Síochána.

The main safety matters of concern raised at the meeting:

- Residents from the Ballymun Plaza Apartments raised concern in relation to anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping at the adjoining derelict site
- The Coultury Park pitch has been damaged by scramblers accessing the pitch
- Speed related issues at Shangan Green, cul de sac sign requested
- Discussion on the increase use of Nitrous Oxide canisters in the area & the dangers associated with them, request made for an awareness campaign
- Alleged incidents in Coultury Park, An Garda Síochána to follow up
- Access issue in relation to wheelchair users in Poppintree Park

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum will take place in September.

- **Finglas**

Finglas Safety Report

The first round of safety forum meetings for Finglas took place on the following dates in March:

- Finglas South, Erin's Isle - Monday 6th March 2023
- Finglas East, St Canice's BNS - Tuesday 7th March 2023
- Finglas West, St Fergal's BNS - Monday 13th March 2023

The main policing issues directed to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator at the Finglas Safety Forum recently have been:

- The issue of dangerous use of scramblers and joy riding was raised as a concern in each of the three safety forum meetings in Finglas
- Tesco express (Cardiffsbridge road) was highlighted as an area with high levels of anti-social behaviour and gangs of young people hanging out around the shops
- The lack of visibility of gardai in Finglas west was raised as a concern from the local community and the have asked if levels can be increased
- Concerning level of open drug dealing and drug use was raised at each of the three Finglas safety meetings
- North Road and Mellows Park ere noted as reas of concern due to the high levels of drug dealing
- Level of open drug use and dealing in Wellmount area – the crescent, avenue and behind the Dunnes stores were highlighted as major problem areas
- Drug paraphernalia in the local parks and behind Dunnes stores and Tesco have been raised from the community at all three meetings
- Reports of anti-social behaviour from young people at St Helena's Drive and damage to the school property at St Malachys

In response to some of the queries and issues raised to the safety coordinator a leaflet drop to residents detailing the safety forum and contact details for residents to get in touch regarding these issues has begun.

Efforts will continue to target particular neighbourhoods in Finglas on an on-going basis to raise the profile of the safety forum and to introduce myself to residents and make them more aware of the safety forum.

One to one meetings have also taken place with a range of community leaders and stakeholders to try and tackle issues within the community.

Queries are being dealt with on a daily basis through phone, text, and email.

All above issues have been noted by the Gardai and DCC.

The next round of meetings will take place in September, the venues will remain the same. The dates will be circulated shortly.



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.

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| Garda Station / (Sub)District | H District | Period | 1 st April – 18 th June |
| Chief / Superintendent | Chief Supt Mark Curran | Date of JPC Meeting | 26.6.2023 |

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.

| Reports Of | 2021 | 2022 | Change | Detection Rate 2021 | Detection Rate 2022 | Comments |
|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Assault Causing Harm | 8 | 14 | 75% | 13% | 21% | |
| Assault Minor | 16 | 17 | 6% | 0% | 6% | |
| Aggravated Burglary | 1 | 0 | -100% | 0% | 0% | |
| Burglary | 11 | 10 | -9% | 36% | 10% | |
| Criminal Damage | 52 | 56 | 8% | 15% | 9% | |
| Discharge of Firearm | 0 | 2 | 200% | 0% | 0% | |
| Robbery from Person | 1 | 0 | -100% | 0% | 0% | |
| Robbery from Establishments | 1 | 0 | -100% | 100% | 0% | |
| Theft from the Person | 4 | 2 | -50% | 0% | 0% | |
| Theft from MPV | 20 | 8 | -60% | 5% | 0% | |
| Traffic / UT of Vehicle | 8 | 15 | 88% | 13% | 0% | |
| Theft from Shop | 54 | 40 | -26% | 39% | 10% | |
| Theft (Other) | 19 | 11 | -42% | 26% | 9% | |
| Fraud | 13 | 17 | 31% | 0% | 18% | |
| Public Order Incidents | 33 | 25 | -24% | 70% | 60% | |

Joint Policing Committee - Garda Report

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| Domestic Violence - Incidents | 100 | 125 | 25% | n/a | n/a | |
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| Reports Of | 2021 | 2022 | Change | Detection Rate 2021 | Detection Rate 2022 | Comments |
|---|------|------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Domestic Violence - Breach of Orders | 15 | 18 | 20% | 80% | 44% | |
| Dog Offences | 0 | 3 | 300% | 0% | 0% | |
| Offences against Animals | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% | 0% | |

| Garda Patrol Activity | 2021 | 2022 | Change | Detection Rate 2021 | Detection Rate 2022 | Comments |
|---|------|------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Possession of Firearm | 1 | 0 | -100% | 100% | 0% | |
| Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply | 30 | 28 | -7% | 63% | 54% | |
| Possession of Drugs for Personal Use | 35 | 17 | -51% | 97% | 53% | |
| Possession of Offensive Weapon | 9 | 3 | -67% | 78% | 100% | |
| Searches under Drugs Act | 238 | 82 | -66% | n/a | n/a | |
| Vehicle Seizures Sec 41 | 42 | 61 | 45% | n/a | n/a | |



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| Garda Station / (Sub)District | Finglas | 3 Month Period | 1 st March -31 st May |
| Chief / Superintendent | Finbarr Murphy | Date of JPC Meeting | 26 th June 2023 |

Joint Policing Committee - Garda Report

| | 2022 | 2023 | Percentage Change | Detection Rate 2022* | Detection Rate 2023* | Comments |
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| Assault Causing Harm | 30 | 19 | -37% | 25% | 17% | Decrease, but this type of offending is still a concern |
| Assault Minor | 43 | 40 | -7% | 10% | 6% | Slightly down on previous year |
| Aggravated Burglary | 0 | 1 | +100% | 0% | 0% | Slightly down on previous year |
| Burglary | 23 | 24 | +4% | 22% | 14% | Slightly down on previous year |
| Criminal Damage | 118 | 147 | +25% | 16% | 12% | Slightly increase on previous year with a similar detection rate. |
| Discharge of Firearm | 4 | 0 | -100% | 17% | 0% | Decrease on previous year |
| Robbery from Person | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12% | 20% | No Change |
| Robbery from Establishments | 5 | 2 | -60% | 70% | 33% | Decrease on previous year |
| Theft from the Person | 3 | 7 | +133% | 20% | 0% | Increase in this type of offending |
| Theft from MPV | 26 | 7 | -73% | 15% | 0% | Decrease on previous year |
| Theft from Shop | 81 | 81 | 0 | 46% | 44% | No Change |
| Theft (Other) | 111 | 92 | -17% | 9% | 3% | Decrease on previous year |
| UT of Vehicle | 24 | 30 | +25% | 13% | 11% | Slight increase on previous year with a similar detection rate, However since January 117 vehicles have been recovered in the sub-district of Finglas alone |
| Fraud / Deception | 60 | 61 | +2% | 6% | 11% | Slight increase on previous year with a similar detection rate. |

| | 2022 | 2023 | Percentage Change | Detection Rate 2022* | Detection Rate 2023* | Comments |
|--|------|------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Public Order | 75 | 53 | -29% | 47% | 49% | Decrease on previous year with a similar detection rate. |
| Garda Patrol Activity | | | | | | |
| ASBO Issued | | | | | | |
| Possession of Firearm | | | | | | |
| Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply | | | | | | |
| Possession of Drugs for Personal Use | | | | | | |
| Possession of Offensive Weapon | | | | | | |
| Searches under Drugs Act | | | | | | |
| Vehicle Seizures Sec 41 | | | | | | |
| Incidents | | | | | | |

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| Domestic Violence | 2022 | 2023 | Percentage Change | Detection Rate 2022* | Detection Rate 2023* | Comments |
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| Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed | 166 | 135 | -19% | N/A | N/A | Decrease, but this type of offending is still a concern. |
| Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~ | 23 | 30 | +30% | 78% | 75% | This indicates an increase. |

~ Domestic Violence Orders Include Barring Orders, Safety Orders and Protection Orders

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**Crime Prevention
Matters and Other
Information**

All victims of Domestic Violence in D11 are receiving a call back with a view to providing Crime Prevention Advice.

Victims of Drug debt intimidation are offered Crime Prevention Advice and an Inspector is also appointed to monitor all cases of Drug Debt intimidation.

There are special dedicated patrols by Garda teams, uniform and plain clothes, in the Finglas area who engage in patrols, check points and assisting regular units in responding to calls from the public when necessary.

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- denotes previous period as zero: Percentage cannot be calculated.