



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES  
ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 3.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

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**NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00 p.m.**

**Draft MINUTES**

**Announcements:** Apologies from Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Presentation on Operation Fógra – Drugs Intimidation By Detective Superintendent David Kennedy	D/Superintendent David Kenny gave a PowerPoint presentation on Operation Fógra - Drugs Intimidation. The presentation provided an overview of the programme and the importance of getting the information to the members of the public in need of support. The presentation was followed by a Q & A session and the members welcomed D/Superintendent Kennedy's very informative presentation. Drug intimidation contacts and link to website to be circulated
3.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed. Concern was again raised in relation to some of the members of the public in attendance at the recent Ballymun Safety Fora meeting and the disruptions caused as a result. Local Cllrs were subjected to verbal abuse and it was agreed that it is very difficult to police who attends but serious regard must be given to the health and safety of participants and it was agreed that the Chairperson will contact the City Wide JPC to raise members concerns AGS will continue to give full support at the meetings
4.	Garda Update.	Statistic reports noted. Member requested link to the quarterly Garda stats be circulated
5.	Strategic Questions.	Replies received and agreed
6.	AOB	
The meeting concluded at 16.40pm Date of next meeting Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 3pm		

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:**

Keith Connolly, Noeleen Reilly, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Briege Mac Oscar.

**TDs:**

Deputy Paul McAuliffe, Deputy Dessie Ellis, Deputy Roisin Shortall

**Officials:**

Derek Kelly (Director of Services), Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas) Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Derek Healy (Area Housing Manager) Margaret McGrane (Ballymun Area Housing Manager), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Olive Warnock (Staff Officer)

**Gardaí:**

Superintendent John D McCarthy, Detective Superintendent David Kennedy, Inspector Farrelly, Sergeant John L'Estrange, Sergeant Des Mulvihill

**Community Reps:**

John Redmond, Theresa Lydon

**Safety Fora Reps:**

Shane Smart

**Drugs Task Force:**

Hugh Greaves.

**Others:**

**Apologies:**

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy

**Keith Connolly**

**Chairperson**

## **Ballymun**

### **Safer Ballymun JPC Report September 2023**

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. The Safer Ballymun steering committee will again advertise the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, in the coming weeks.

The Safer Ballymun Steering Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> March and the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:Ballymun.areoffice@dublincity.ie)

The last public meeting of the Safer Ballymun Forum took place on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

At the meeting Superintendent McCarthy gave a brief outline on some the operations that are currently underway in the area. Superintendent McCarthy advised that there will be a presentation in the next JPC regarding Operation Fográ. He also mentioned that the dog unit was recently in Ballymun and the operation was very successful.

Hugh Greaves from Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force provided a synopsis on the current citizens' assembly being discussed on Drugs. He mentioned that there is a new national partnership being formed from a statutory response on Drugs intimidation.

#### **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 Coultrey 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 Coultrey Park, An Garda Síochána to follow up
- Access issue in relation to wheelchair users in Poppintree Park

A discussion concluded the meeting regarding issues in local parks, AGS advised that all incidents need to be reported in real time and they would follow up with the member of the public that raised the matters.

All of the above matters were investigated, Dublin City Council arranged follow up meetings with An Garda Síochána in relation to the issues raised at the meeting. DCC & AGS last met on 30<sup>th</sup> August a follow up meeting will take place in coming weeks.

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum is due to take place early October.

- **Finglas**



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

- Ongoing reports of drug dealing occurring at Wellmount Drive, Wellmount Park and at the back of Dunnes on Cardiffsbridge Road.
- The ongoing issue of scramblers in the area e.g., Northway Park in particular.
- Large bonfires occurring in Northway Park. Reports of fireworks being set off at Northway Park, Wellmount Crescent and Dunnes car park on Cardiffsbridge Road.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Beneavin Nursing home e.g. youths kicking the intercom and setting bins on fires.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour e.g. youth smashing glass at the bus stop on Glasnevin Avenue.

The next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas have been scheduled for the month of September. The Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator has circulated dates of the next round of meetings to all relevant stakeholders and the local community. The dates are as follows:

- Finglas West Safety Forum meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, St Fergal's Boys' National School.
- Finglas East Safety Forum meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, St Canice's Boys' National School.
- Finglas South Safety Forum meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 7:00-8:30pm, Erin's Isle GAA Grounds.



**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.

<b>Garda Station / (Sub)District</b>	H District	<b>Period</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> August
<b>Chief / Superintendent</b>	Chief Supt Peter Duff	<b>Date of JPC Meeting</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept

Reports Of	2022	2023	Change	Detection Rate 2022	Detection Rate 2023	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	5	9	80%	0%	22%	
Assault Minor	13	11	-15%	23%	0%	
Aggravated Burglary	1	0	-100%	0%	0%	
Burglary	8	10	25%	0%	0%	
Criminal Damage	39	27	-31%	8%	7%	
Discharge of Firearm	3	1	-67%	0%	0%	
Robbery from Person	0	0	0%	0%	0%	
Robbery from Establishments	1	2	100%	100%	50%	
Theft from the Person	1	3	200%	0%	33%	
Theft from MPV	11	11	0%	9%	9%	
Traffic / UT of Vehicle	7	13	86%	0%	0%	
Theft from Shop	27	19	-30%	30%	53%	
Theft (Other)	8	5	-38%	0%	20%	
Fraud	11	11	0%	0%	9%	
Public Order Incidents	11	11	0%	100%	73%	

<b>Domestic Violence - Incidents</b>	51	57	12%	n/a	n/a
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<b>Domestic Violence - Breach of Orders</b>	13	17	31%	92%	76%	
<b>Dog Offences</b>	2	0	-100%	0%	0%	
<b>Offences against Animals</b>	1	0	-100%	0%	0%	

<b>Garda Patrol Activity</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Detection Rate 2022</b>	<b>Detection Rate 2023</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Possession of Firearm</b>	0	0	0%	0%	0%	
<b>Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply</b>	28	12	-57%	61%	42%	
<b>Possession of Drugs for Personal Use</b>	22	14	-36%	73%	36%	
<b>Possession of Offensive Weapon</b>	4	6	50%	100%	67%	
<b>Searches under Drugs Act</b>	278	94	-66%	n/a	n/a	
<b>Vehicle Seizures Sec 41</b>	24	56	133%	n/a	n/a	

**Crime Prevention  
Matters and Other  
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<b>Chief / Superintendent</b>	Michael McNulty	<b>Date of JPC Meeting</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Assault Causing Harm	27	22	-19%	26%	23%
Assault Minor	41	36	-12%	10%	13%
Aggravated Burglary	1	2	100%	0%	0%



	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Burglary	23	14	-39%	22%	20%
Criminal Damage	125	86	-31%	17%	16%
Discharge of Firearm	1	1	0%	17%	0%
Robbery from Person	4	2	-50%	12%	29%
Robbery from Establishments	2	3	50%	70%	14%
Theft from the Person	5	4	-20%	20%	0%
Theft from MPV	15	22	47%	15%	6%
Theft from Shop	103	62	-40%	49%	43%
Theft (Other)	70	84	20%	9%	4%
UT of Vehicle	20	39	95%	13%	11%
Fraud / Deception	33	38	15%	9%	1%
Public Order Incidents	97	66	-32%	57%	51%

\* Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
ASBO Issued	0	3	+300%	N/A	N/A
Possession of Firearm	2	6	200%	29%	20%
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	34	50	47%	74%	65%
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	71	35	-51%	88%	63%

Garda Patrol Activity	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Possession of Offensive Weapon	8	5	-38%	84%	71%
Searches under Drugs Act	222	116	-48%	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	145	136	-6%	N/A	N/A

\*Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Domestic Violence	2022	2023	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2022*	Detection Rate 2023*
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	158	150	-5%	N/A	N/A
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	34	21	-38%	78%	78%

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

**Crime Prevention  
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All victims of Domestic Violence in D11 are receiving a call back with a view to providing Crime Prevention Advice. Our DAC (Domestic Abuse Coordinator) program is up and running with a number of individuals being case managed and supported within the K District

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

Community Policing Finglas, DCC, FCC and the Crime Prevention Officer continue to offer support and Crime prevention advice to residents/stakeholders on a targeted basis and where possible offer a property marking service.

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