



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES
ON MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025 AT 3.00 PM**

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Item no 1

NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 23rd September 2024 at 3.00 p.m.

Draft MINUTES

Announcements: Apologies from Pat Teehan (Area Manager – Finglas)

Notes: Before commencing the members introduced themselves for the benefit of new members and the Chair reminded everyone of the rules and protocol of the JPC meeting

Item		Action
1.	Minutes of meeting held on 11 th March 2024 and matters arising.	Agreed. Follow up's completed.
2.	Local Fora Updates	Agreed. Members welcomed dates for upcoming Finglas Safety Fora meetings and expressed concern around the levels of anti-social behaviour area wide that residents are dealing with on a daily basis and the importance of having the meetings for the residents. Members also expressed concern over the ongoing problem of recruiting and retaining Safety Fora Reps and members suggested the possibility of Finglas, Ballymun and Cabra areas having a unified approach to the Safety Fora meetings as a way forward. No current dates for Ballymun meetings – Jackie O'Reilly to discuss with AGS after the meeting
3.	Garda Updates	Statistic reports noted. Concern was expressed around the following issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rise in the number of reported Domestic Violence cases.• High levels of anti-social behaviour in a large number of area in both Ballymun and Finglas but in particular the use of scramblers in green spaces• Number of young people in the area involved in crime and anti social behaviour• High levels of drug dealing and drug taking in certain areas Superintendent McCarthy advised the members of several operations in the NWA – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation Irene (during the summer months)• Operation Tombola (in the lead up to Halloween)• Operation Táirge• Community Response Team who deal with specific crimes in specific areas

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Policing Team • The Youth Diversion Programme
4.	Strategic Questions	Replies received and agreed
5.	Strategy to address recent car break-ins and car theft in the Berryfield/Deanstown area	Members expressed concern over the continuing high levels of anti-social behaviour particularly in the Berryfield area. Residents have also had to deal with gangs taking over green spaces and an escalation in anti social behaviour in the area. Derek Heaky advise that any proposed development on the site could take up to 18 months to complete
6.	Approach to address ongoing anti-social behaviour in the following areas in Ballymun: Sillogue, Carton & Baile na Laochra areas	Several locations in the Ballymun area were highlighted by members as areas of grave concern due to high levels of anti-social behaviour and in particular drug dealing. AGS will continue operations as outlined above and DCC will engage with with local residents on the matter. The Sillogue Working Group (collaboration of local services providers) are continuing to meet & implement initiatives in this location.
7.	Update on the progression of the Ballymun Implementation Board	Members expressed disappointment that there has been very little progress in this project. It was agreed that the Boards agenda must focus on the report: Ballymun – A Brighter Future – by Andrew Montague and the importance of having local Representatives involved in the Board. Jackie O'Reilly advised the group that Senior Officials recently met to discuss the Implementation Board and there has since been positive feedback from the meeting – it is planned that the Board will have a multi-agency approach and its working will be modelled on the Drogheda Implementation Board. Members have requested an update of exact conditions for the spending of the proposed €2m budget for the Ballymun area
8.	Halloween 2024	Jackie O'Reilly advised members that this years event will be similar to previous years (Ballymuns Halloween event is to take place this year in Trinity Comp grounds with fireworks to be held at site 10) and in the coming weeks DCC will liaise closely with AGS to ensure the nights events run smoothly and safely. Resources are in place to tackle stockpiling in the area and any reports of stockpiling will be dealt with

9.	A.O.B.	
The meeting concluded at 17.00pm		

Attendance:

Councillors: Keith Connolly, Anthony Connaghan, Mary Callaghan, Gavin Pepper, Leslie Kane, Conor Reddy

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

Officials: Jackie O'Reilly (Area Manager-Ballymun), Derek Healy (Finglas Area Housing Manager), Leona Harrison (Senior Staff Officer), Gavin Walsh (Senior Staff Office), Paula King (Assistant Staff Officer)

Gardaí: Superintendent Darren McCarthy,
Inspector Aine Grogan, Sergeant Noel Monaghan
Sergeant Liz Gallagher, Sergeant Tiernan Feeney

Community Reps: Theresa Lydon, John Redmond, Tony Byrne

Safety Fora Reps: Michelle Mc Nally

Drugs Task Force: Hugh Greaves

Others:

Apologies: Pat Teehan

Clr Keith Connolly

Chairperson

Item no 4

Ballymun Safety Forum Report

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

Since the last JPC meeting two public Safer Ballymun Forums have taken place in the Ballymun Civic Centre on 17th October 2024 and 25th February 2025. There was a good attendance of over residents, business agencies and public representatives at the meetings.

Both meetings were opened by DCC with an update on actions taken on matters raised at the previous Safety Forum meeting including:

- nitrous oxide canisters and the process for reporting for removal of the canisters & awareness campaign
- illegal parking at Whiteacre, Balcurris & Gateway Crescent and the actions implemented were discussed
- rodent treatment carried out in Balcurris & Poppintree Parks.

DCC acknowledged the concern from the community in relation to the ongoing issue of dumping & scavenging at clothes banks on Shangan Road. DCC are continuing to monitor the situation and have increased the cleaning schedule at this location. A further update is expected in the coming weeks following a planned meeting with Councillors & Waste Management Services.

An Garda Síochána provided an update on actions taken on matters raised at the last meeting - a number of targeted operations in relation to the illegal use of scramblers in the area have been conducted resulting in the seizure of large number of scramblers in the last 12 months. Patrols have increased in the area.

There is currently a high visibility patrol operation in the Ballymun District in addition to core policing units. This high visibility plan has been expanded to include all the local convenience stores including Poppintree Parade and Shangan Road.

The Gardaí explained the new protocol on how calls are received and logged by An Garda Síochána. The new process requires that the person reporting a crime be transferred to an appropriate call taker in a central call centre who will log and disseminate the call. This is an AGS nationwide policy.

Angie Birch from Star Easy Street Outreach team gave a presentation on the new converted community outreach bus which should be ready for use for the Better Ballymun Day on the 14th of March. This bus was funded under the 2023 Community Safety Innovation Fund.

Hugh Greaves from Ballymun Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force gave a presentation on the awareness and educational programme "Making My Own Choices. This programme is to be delivered to all 5th & 6th classes in Primary Schools from March which will facilitate 180 children this can be increased if required. The BLDATF have met with the Ballymun Principals Network to ensure support for the roll out of this programme, consent will also be required from child's parent/ guardian. This initiatives is also funded under the Community Safety Innovation Fund 2024.

The following were the main issue's discussed at the February meeting;

- Residents discussed increased concern in relation to gangs of youths at Shangan Road shops who are intimidating, engage in open drug dealing and cause ongoing anti-social behaviour at the location daily.
- Anti-social behaviour at the Plaza Apartment complex
- Residents are concerned about safety of private motorcycles in Ballymun.
- Business owners discussed safety concern in relation to poor lighting & condition of footpaths, in St. Margarets Industrial Estate (this Estate is under private ownership).
- Further requests to DCC to remove the Clothes pods at Shangan Road
- Request to inspect the condition of footpath & roadway at Aspen crossing.

Dublin City Council informed residents of their plans to have a launch on the Plaza in May and gave details about planned summer activities. They also provided an update on the Ballymun Local Area Plan active sites.

Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána continue to meet regularly to address concerns raised by the community. The Sillogue Working Group (DCC, BRYR, Easy Street, Cross Care & AGS) also continue to meet to collaborate and implement actions to improve community safety and participation through initiatives, education and awareness.



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

Cars being vandalised/ break ins in the Scribblestown area.

Reports of open drug dealing at Wellmount Park, Dunnes Stores on Cardiffsbridge Road and behind Barnamore estate.

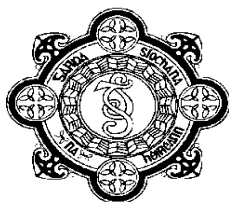
Ongoing reports raised of open drug dealing and drug paraphernalia occurring at Mellows Park.

Reports of drug dealing occurring at Northway Park.

Shops being vandalised on Mc Kee Avenue, Finglas Village.

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator position has recently been advertised. Interviews are due to take place the end of February with the hope the position will be filled and public Forum meetings hopefully to take place later in the year. Currently, the position is being covered by way of engaging with relevant stakeholders in relation to safety related concerns.

Item no 5 – Garda Updates



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	Finglas	3 Month Period	1 st of November- 31 st of January
Chief / Superintendent	Michael McNulty	Date of JPC Meeting	10 th of March 2025

	2023/24	2024/25	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2023/24*	Detection Rate 2024/25*
Assault Causing Harm	25	19	-24%	29%	24
Assault Minor	22	39	+77%	17%	12%
Aggravated Burglary	2	1	-50%	0%	0%
Burglary	41	13	-68%	14%	23%
Criminal Damage	107	87	-19%	17%	21%
Discharge of Firearm	3	3	0%	0%	12%
Robbery from Person	10	8	-20%	21%	16%
Robbery from Establishments	6	1	-83%	36%	54%
Theft from the Person	6	6	0%	5%	5%
Theft from MPV	33	17	-48%	10%	2%
Theft from Shop	56	50	-11%	50%	40%
Theft (Other)	87	101	+16%	11%	8%
UT of Vehicle	33	25	-18%	15%	8%
Fraud / Deception	16	16	0%	4%	6%
Public Order Incidents	23	36	+57%	79%	80%

* Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Garda Patrol Activity	2023	2024	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2023*	Detection Rate 2024*
ASBO Issued	0	0	0%	N/A	N/A
Possession of Firearm	2	1	-50%	36%	60%
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	27	46	+70%	78%	64%
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	25	32	+28%	91%	67%
Possession of Offensive Weapon	7	8	+14%	83%	76%
Searches under Drugs Act	99	92	-7%	N/A	N/A
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	109	158	+45%	N/A	N/A

*Detection Rates given are a yearly figure

Domestic Violence	2023	2024	Percentage Change	Detection Rate 2023*	Detection Rate 2024*
Domestic Violence Incidents – No Offence Disclosed	171	164	-4%	N/A	
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders~	28	42	+50%	85%	81%

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

**Crime Prevention
Matters and Other
Information**

Our 2025 Garda recruitment campaign launched recently.

Last year, over 6,300 people applied to be a Garda and many of those successful at application stage are currently undergoing training at the Garda College.

The competition is being run by the Public Appointments Service on behalf of An Garda Síochána.

We urge those hoping to apply to become a Garda not to leave their application until the very last minute.

As an inclusive organisation, we aim to reflect the communities we serve. This campaign is dedicated to attracting a cohort of future personnel that represents the diversity of these communities, and we also seek to increase female representation.

The recruitment communications campaign is aimed at people from all backgrounds and communities, and also those eligible to apply who are currently living abroad. We want to attract people who have gone overseas to come back and be a Garda.

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.



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Garda Station / (Sub)District	H District	Period	1 st October – 31 st December
Chief / Superintendent	Chief Supt Majella Armstrong	Date of JPC Meeting	

Reports Of +A1:G18	2023	2024	Change	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	0	0	0%	
Assault Minor	<	<	-50%	
Aggravated Burglary	0	0	0%	
Burglary	<	<	-60%	
Criminal Damage	<	<	-20%	
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	0%	
Robbery from Person	<	<	<	
Robbery from Establishments	<	<	<	
Theft from the Person	<	0	<	
Theft from MPV	<	<	<	
Traffic / UT of Vehicle	<	<	<	
Theft from Shop	0	0	0%	
Theft (Other)	<	<	-33%	
Fraud	<	41	<	
Public Order Incidents	<	0	<	
Domestic Violence - Incidents	<	<	<	

Reports Of	2023	2024	Change	Comments
Domestic Violence - Breach of Orders	0	0	0%	
Dog Offences	0	0	0%	
Offences against Animals	0	0	0%	

Garda Patrol Activity	2023	2024	Change	Comments
Possession of Firearm	0	0	0%	
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	0	0	0%	
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	0	<	<	
Possession of Offensive Weapon	0	0	0%	
Searches under Drugs Act	<	<	<	
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	0	0	0%	

Crime Prevention Matters and Other Information

Item no 9

**North West Area JPC Sub Committee
Proposed Schedule of Meetings 2025**

Quarter	Date
Q.2	Monday 30 th June 2025 @ 3pm
Q.3	Monday 29 th September 2025 @ 3pm
Q.4	Monday 8 th December 2025 @ 3pm