

## 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	Period	01.01.2017 - 28.02.2017
Chief / Superintendent	Lorraine Wheatley	Date of JPC Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017

Reports Of	2016	2017	Change	Detection Rate 2016	Detection Rate 2017	Comments
Assault Causing Harm	6	6	-%	100%	31%	
Assault Minor	18	17	-6%	49%	31%	
Aggravated Burglary	0	1	-%	50%	50%	
Burglary	55	50	-9%	9%	9%	
Criminal Damage	52	69	+33%	19%	16%	
Discharge of Firearm	0	1	-%	0%	0%	
Robbery from Person	2	8	+300%	22%	26%	
Robbery from Establishments	5	5	0%	41%	21%	There is continued liaison with the retail sector in offering crime prevention advice.
Theft from the Person	5	7	+40%	19%	8%	The main target items are smart phones, cash, wallets and handbags.
Theft from MPV	32	21	-34%	5%	3%	
Theft from Shop	61	39	-36%	72%	74%	There is continued liaison with the retail sector in offering crime prevention advice. Recidivists are identified and where possible bail conditions are sought to deter further activity.
Theft (Other)	24	40	+74%	21%	30%	
UT of Vehicle	9	16	+78%	11%	6%	Efforts are being made to combat this increase, with units being deployed to particular areas and covert patrols are also in place.
Fraud / Deception	11	6	-45%	32%	20%	
Public Order Incidents	23	13	-43%	97%	94%	As a result of increased patrols, there are higher detections of this crime.

Garda Patrol Activity	2016	2017	Change	Detection Rate 2016	Detection Rate 2017	Comments
ASBO Issued	0	1	0%	N/A	N/A	
Possession of Firearm	2	3	+50%	50%	100%	This is viewed as a positive in tackling organised crime.
Possession of Drugs for Sale or Supply	8	11	+38%	100%	100%	An increase in large drug seizures is positive in the community.
Possession of Drugs for Personal Use	35	39	+11%	99%	99%	An increase in searches has an impact of drugs seized for personal use.
Possession of Offensive Weapon	1	3	-40%	100%	95%	
Searches under Drugs Act	477	319	+50%	N/A	N/A	Seen as a positive in detection of drugs offences. This has a knock - on effect on crime figures for drugs offences.
Vehicle Seizures Sec 41	31	98	+48%	N/A	N/A	This increase is seen as a positive in proactively policing road crime and travelling criminals.

There is a number of crime prevention strategies conducted in the Finglas area.

**Operation Crossover** which maximises resources deployed to Beats and Patrols during Unit crossover times is ongoing, as well as **Operation Reclaim** Patrols targeting drug dealing in the area. There is continued liaison with resident groups, local businesses, and Finglas Safety Forums to assist in addressing issues of Anti Social Behaviour in the area.

**Operation Irene** is ongoing to tackle Public Order issues with particular emphasis on parks and open areas. There are targeted patrols by the Community Policing Unit Friday and Saturday evenings between 4pm and 2am. Finglas East will be an area of focus in the run up to Christmas, to combat anti social behaviour of youths.

A Business watch scheme is in operation which has a targeted approach for crimes against businesses in the area.

**Operation Thor, Operation Creeper and Operation Hybrid** continues with checkpoints, surveillance and searches carried out during each tour of duty. Emphasis on high volume crime and specific criminal targets.

There are 1 Sgts and 5 Gardaí attached to the Community policing unit in Finglas and 6 mountain bikes that are in regular use.

There were 42 Juvenile Referrals for the Finglas District in comparison to 42 in the same period last year.

Regular inspections of licensed premises remain a priority to target underage consumption of alcohol and the illegal sale of alcohol to minors. There have been 17 Licensed Premises Inspections in the Finglas area in 2017.

There are 2 projects in Finglas,

**Crime Prevention** 

**Matters and Other** 

Information

- F.A.N. (Finglas Action Now) 2 Project workers funded by the Dept of Justice and the Local drugs Task Force, primarily working in Finglas South and West areas.
- E.F.F.O.R.T (East Finglas for Organised Response to Youth) 2 Project workers funded by the Dept of Justice and the Local drugs Task Force, working in the Finglas East area.
  E.F.F.O.R.T. was launched by Minister Ahearn in October, 2009.

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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