



# SOUTH EAST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB-COMMITTEE Quarter 2 Update 2017



# Breviate of South East Area JPC Steering Committee -

In accordance with the Joint Policing Committee Guidelines, the breviate of the meeting of the South East Area Joint Policing Steering Committee, held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, is set out hereunder.

## Order

### **Actions from March meeting**

- The issue of impersonating offences with intent to steal discussed.**  
**Action:** An Garda Síochána to provide update in relation to this particular type of crime at the June meeting.
  
- Attendance level of Oireachtas members on the Committee.**  
**Action :** Dublin City Council has written to Oireachtas members regarding their attendances and to ascertain if other dates or times would suit their schedules better to enable them to attend.
  
- Crime Statistic Presentation** - Crime Statistics will be presented at the June meeting.
  
- Presentation on the** Juvenile Liaison Officer will be made at the June meeting.  
It was agreed to organise a presentation on the Local Drugs and Alcohol Task Force for next JPC.
  
- Anti-social Behaviour in Glovers Court** – discussed.
  
- Drug Injection Centres** - discussed
  
- Presentations proposed for 2017-**  
Care After Prison  
Crime Prevention  
Dublin City Council – South East Area Community Development Team  
DCC & AGS – Sport as an effective tool to engage young people at risk of drug misuse into more structured and positive activities



# Breviate of Pearse Street Community Safety Forum

To the South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee

In accordance with the Local Policing Fora in Local Drugs Task Force Areas Guidelines, the Breviate of the meeting of the Pearse Community Safety Forum held 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 is set out hereunder.

## **Order:**

- Minutes of previous meeting
- Issues Discussed -
  - Report from the Garda on bicycle and phone theft which has risen in the area.
  - Discussion around informing the community on summer safety and advertising this.

## **Attendance:**

### **Community Representatives**

Emma Wilson – Resident, Kathryn Fox - Resident, Carmel O Connor – St Andrews Youth Services, Dara Terry – Family resource St Andrews, Elaine Boland- Resident / St Andrews Day centre for the elderly.

### **An Garda Síochána**

Sergeant Eamon Lynch

### **Dublin City Council**

Eileen Martin

Minutes taken by Emma Wilson



# HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 1 – COMMUNITY SAFETY

## (An Garda Síochána Policing Plan – Goal 3)

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Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Create an awareness amongst the citizens of the South East Area of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiatives</p>	<p>Crime Prevention advice tweeted after quarterly meetings (where relevant)</p> <p>Safety information leaflets circulated to members</p> <p>Safety information leaflets circulated to all Community/Business Groups in the Area.</p> <p>Safety initiatives promoted by South East Area Councillors in clinics &amp; newsletters.</p> <p>List of "Victim Help Groups" promoted by South East Area JPC</p>	<p>South East Area JPC</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Garda Streetwise campaign ran for the month of March 2017 effective from the 1st March, 2017</p> <p>Operation Thor continues to be in operation in this Division. Burglaries are down in Donnybrook District on this time last year. All burglaries reported subject to Technical Examination and Crime Prevention advice given to victims</p> <p>Crime Prevention Advice given to members of the public at Neighbourhood AGM in Irishtown Garda Station</p>



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<p>Support the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Stickers, crime prevention advice and booklets distributed through local Neighbourhood Watch meetings</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Community Gardaí continue to interact with their communities and use every opportunity to promote a safety awareness.</p> <p>A competition is underway to select Gardai for allocation to the Community Policing Unit, Rathmines.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Schemes remain active and supported by Gardai.</p> <p>A Garda Stand was erected at the Harold's Cross Bealtaine Festival in May promoting personal / property safety, drug / alcohol awareness and road safety. The Garda Band &amp; Garda Mounted Unit attended.</p> <p>Crime Prevention Literature is distributed in communities and made available at Garda Stations. The availability of crime prevention tips from the Garda Web Site continues to be promoted.</p> <p>The services of the Divisional Crime Prevention Officer is made readily available to victims of crime / or upon request by any individual / commercial interest.</p>

<p>Continue to recognise and respond to the needs of victims of crime and to ensure protection of vulnerable persons and groups</p>	<p>Continued implementation of the Garda Diversity Strategy, the Garda Older People Strategy &amp; the Safer Communities Campaign Continued engagement with individuals and victim groups. Continued liaison with Family Liaison Groups.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochana</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Gardai attached to the Garda Victim Service Office, Crumlin Station, liaise directly with victims of crime to ensure the provision of follow up support services. Investigating Gardai do likewise and ensure that victims of crime are kept fully informed.</p> <p>Policing strategies take cognisance of Diversity and vulnerable groups in communities. Garda interaction is taking place.</p> <p>Garda Community Policing Units maintain regular contact with senior citizens via phone / home visits / and visits at social events.</p> <p>Continuous liaison with elderly groups, and key stakeholders in this area – home help, Public Health Nurse, Social Workers, Health Centres.</p> <p>Divisional Victim Support Office now well established at Pearse Street Garda Station.</p>
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## Work together to promote safe cycling & traffic safety in the city

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Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement in the city	Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the South East Area	Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána	On going	A number of High Profile International Sporting Events took place at AVIVA Stadium and also the RDS. All events risk assessment and collaboration with all stakeholders ensured that all events completed without incident.
Work together to promote safe cycling in the city	Road Safety Awareness Programmes held in schools	Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>The Fixed Charge Penalty Notice System for dealing with offending cyclists is being utilised.</p> <p>Locations where errant cyclists cause hazards for motorists / pedestrians continues to be targeted by Gardai so as to ensure high visibility enforcement of the Road Traffic Act.</p> <p><b>"Safe Cycling"</b> is promoted during Garda school visits and reflective yellow jackets / lighting are issued to cyclists to enhance awareness of <b>"safe cycling"</b>.</p> <p>Cycle safety presentations given to three TY Student groups.</p> <p>High-Viz vests circulated to schools, Montessori and businesses in Dublin 2</p> <p>Enforcement of Road Traffic Regulations .</p>

## Create safer and more peaceful local communities by working together to promote public order and reduce anti-social behaviour in the South East Area

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána to continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of Events in the South East Area</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána and South East Area staff involved in the consultation process of all events in the area.</p>	<p>Dublin City Council &amp; An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána work in partnership with Dublin City Council and other agencies when planning for events affecting the South East Area so as to ensure we minimise inconvenience for residential communities, commercial interests and motorists and that all events are well managed and without negative incident.</p>
<p>Continue to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places throughout the area</p>	<p>Stringent application by An Garda Síochána is applied where large crowds gather particularly on event days (concerts, matches etc).</p> <p>Continued liaison with the licensed trade and those involved in the management of the night time economy</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Relevant legislation is vigorously enforced to combat the consumption of alcohol in public places and also at events attracting large crowds.</p> <p>Local On/Off Liquor Licensing Premises are frequently inspected to ensure compliance with the Liquor Licensing Laws by Licensees, who are also reminded of their obligations to ensure the responsible sale of alcohol.</p> <p>Applications for late night extensions to sell alcohol are thoroughly vetted and Garda event plans include provisions to mitigate this issue.</p> <p>Community are performing targeted policing operation in hot-spot areas such as Temple Bar, St Stephens Green, Grand Canal Dock, Charlemont and the Canal area</p>



# HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 2 – CRIME PREVENTION

## (An Garda Síochána Policing Plan – Goal 3)

To keep under review the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour and the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the South East Area

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
Reduce property crimes such as burglaries, thefts and robberies	Crime "hotspots" targeted	An Garda Síochána	On going	<p><b>"Operation Crossover"</b> continues to be implemented and is designed to provide high visibility operational policing in targeting and disrupting criminals.</p> <p><b>"Operation Thor"</b> continues to be implemented and is designed to target and disrupt criminals involved in committing burglaries and other forms of criminality.</p> <p><b>"Garda Days of action"</b> continue to be implemented and are designed to arrest wanted criminals, conduct searches of properties and provide high visibility operational policing / traffic policing in communities.</p> <p>The Divisional <b>"Burglary Response Unit"</b> is performing intensive patrolling of residential communities daily aimed at preventing burglaries and other forms of criminality.</p> <p>The services of An Garda Síochána Analysts are utilised to assist in identifying <b>"crime hot spots"</b> and highlight unfavourable crime trends emerging so as to facilitate the implementation of an appropriate tactical Garda response.</p> <p>Crime prevention advice to harden targets. Prolific offenders are targeted and bail is revoked where possible.</p>

<p>Identify individual “hot spots” including laneways in the area in the context of anti- social behaviour.</p>	<p>Regular monitoring of “hotspots” including laneways is carried out by the Gardaí and Dublin City Council on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>Dublin City Council &amp; An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Gardai deal sternly with offenders who engage in anti social behaviour by way of Prosecution / Adult Caution Scheme or the Juvenile Diversion Programme.</p> <p>Garda Mountain Bike patrolling takes place in parks, laneways etc. to prevent anti social behaviour / consumption of alcohol. Plans are underway to have more Gardai trained for Mountain Bike patrolling.</p> <p>Public disorder hotspots are continually monitored and targeted by range of Garda Units including Community Policing, Public Order Units, Operation Pier and BRU.</p> <p>Patrols at Ringsend Park and the South Docks particularly at weekends to reduce public order incidents and street drinking. The use of the City Centre Public Order Unit at weekends will continue.</p>
<p>The Local Authority &amp; An Garda Síochána to develop ways of local collaboration to reduce incidents of particular crime</p>	<p>Promote the pilot pedal cycle registration scheme which is in operation in the E &amp; D districts in an effort to thwart stolen bikes being circulated and to facilitate the return of “found” bikes to owners by the Gardaí.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>The pilot pedal cycle registration scheme is still being evaluated in the “E” District to determine its effectiveness.</p> <p>Thefts of pedal cycles from a Divisional perspective have decreased from 247 in 2016 to 194 in 2017 – a 21% reduction ; (Rathmines decreased from 74 in 2016 to 35 in 2017 – down 52%; Sundrive decreased from 36 in 2016 to 24 in 2017 – down 33% ).</p> <p><b>Operation Chain</b> used to target bike theft in D2 with a number of bike thieves arrested.</p> <p><b>Garda Flickr</b> website promoted to identify recovered bicycles and reunite them with owners.</p> <p>Crime prevention advice given to students at UCD regarding safety of pedal cycles.</p>

<p>To utilise a partnership approach to the removal of graffiti in the South East Area.. <b>Cont'd</b></p>	<p>Ongoing liaison between Dublin City Council and the Gardaí.</p> <p>Evidence provided by Dublin City Council to An Garda Síochána in relation to graffiti incidents where relevant.</p>	<p>Dublin City Council &amp; An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>A total of <b>1050 square metres of graffiti</b> was removed by the contractor appointed by Dublin City Council for that purpose. There is also a dedicated crew within the Waste Management Division to remove offending material.</p> <p>The city council removes graffiti from its own property including on bridges, playground equipment in parks, and on street furniture. The council works closely with business organisations and individual traders in relation to graffiti.</p> <p>In the case of residents and community associations, the council supplies them with graffiti wipes and other materials to deal with graffiti.</p> <p>No reports of graffiti painting were made to the Gardai at either Rathmines or Sundrive Road Stations in 2017 to date.</p> <p>All Gardai remain alert for this form of criminality while patrolling and liaise with Dublin City Council in having graffiti removed from public property.</p>
<p>Elimination of incidents of illegal dumping in the South East Area</p>	<p>Monitoring of litter black spots</p> <p>Enforcement of relevant legislation</p>	<p>Dublin City Council</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>From <b>14/3/17 to 14/6/17</b> the South East Area Office received 432 complaints in relation to illegal dumping in the area.</p> <p>422 complaints have been closed with 10 left open for investigation.</p>

<p>Continue to enforce the Criminal Justice Public Order Act 2011 (Begging Legislation) to combat begging in the area.</p>	<p>Continued Garda Enforcement.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>All patrolling Gardai are mindful of the public nuisance created by people engaged in begging and are constantly targeting and discouraging participants from this practice.</p> <p><b>Operation Pier</b> and Community Policing focussing on problem areas.</p> <p>Begging offences will continue to be monitored and legislation strictly enforced.</p>
<p>Provide Estate Management Statistics in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints in Dublin City Council complexes</p>	<p>Statistics provided for Quarterly meetings</p>	<p>Dublin City Council</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>	<p>From the period <b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b> to <b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2017</b>, 243 complaints were received.</p> <p>These are broken down as follows:</p> <p>No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related was <b>15</b>.</p> <p>No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related was <b>19</b>.</p> <p>No. Other Complaints (nuisance) was <b>130</b>.</p> <p>No. of Interviews was <b>29</b>.</p> <p>No. of Complaints dealt with by Housing Managers &amp; Project Estate Officers in person or by phone was <b>50</b>.</p>

## To reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour in public parks, open spaces and on beaches by improving co-ordination between An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and community representatives

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Establish regular liaison between An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council to address factors contributing to anti- social behaviour in public parks and open spaces</p>	<p>Regular meetings held between Dublin City Council &amp; An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>Dublin City Council &amp; An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>High visibility Garda mountain bike patrolling and uniform foot patrolling are performed in public parks and open spaces aimed at ensuring that anti social behaviour does not occur.</p> <p>Persons apprehended for anti-social behaviour are sternly dealt with by the Gardai.</p> <p>Community Gardaí are assigned to dedicated areas. Community Garda in areas where parks are located liaise with Park Rangers and meet with Park Superintendents.</p> <p>Parks with specific issues are targeted by focussed police action.</p> <p>Ongoing liaison with DCC, An Garda Síochána and all stakeholders in an effort to reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.</p> <p>Divisional Crime Prevention Office visited Ringsend Park and carried out an assessment which has been submitted to DCC and discussed at the Ringsend Safety Forum.</p>

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
To support the use of sport as an effective tool in engaging young people at risk of drug misuse into more structured and positive activities	Co-ordinate and implement sustainable sporting programmes for young people of the South East Area	An Garda Síochána & Dublin City Council	On going	<p>The Community Policing Unit and the Juvenile Liaison Officer frequently interact with schools / clubs / parents in an effort to encourage the youth to participate in sporting activities and thus divert them from straying into a criminal path.</p> <p>The local <b>Boxing</b> Development Officer continues to roll out the '<i>Startbox</i>' Programme in schools throughout the Area. The Gold Programme, rolled out in April, involves higher intensity sessions and limited contact. The Startbox Programme builds up to the Showcase finals held in the National Stadium in May. This 3-day event pairs competitors from different schools against each other in 3 45-second rounds. There is no winner announced and contest is purely for exhibition &amp; participation purposes.</p>
To continue to work in partnership with schools, community groups and centres to increase access for young people to sports and recreational facilities in the South East Area.	To provide sports programmes using city council facilities and facilities provided by other organisations. This is achieved by the continuing co-ordination of partnership programmes in the South East Area.	An Garda Síochána & Dublin City Council	On going	<p>The Community Policing Unit /Juvenile Liaison Officer interact with schools / clubs / parents in an effort to educate and encourage the youth in participating in recreational educational / activities.</p> <p>The Juvenile Liaison Officer implements the Juvenile Diversion Programme emphasising to juveniles and parents the benefits of participating in educational / and recreational activities.</p> <p>The Garda Schools Programme continues to be implemented by the Community Policing Unit Gardai.</p> <p><b>Transition Year Swimming Programme:</b> This programme, in conjunction with CBS Westland Row, takes place every Tuesday morning in Sports &amp; Fitness Markievicz from 9.30am – 10.30am (ongoing until end of school term).</p> <p><b>After-School Sports Drop-in:</b> Every Friday in PARC Recreation Centre from 1.30pm – 2.30pm for local primary school children in the area (ongoing until May).</p>



<p>Support the work of the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, the City of Dublin Youth Services Board, the South East Area Sports Development Officer, National Governing Bodies, School Completion Coordinator, Local Drugs Task Force and Local Community Groups .</p>	<p>Identify priority groups through effective communication with the relevant organisations. Implement partnership programmes between the Sports Development Officer and the relevant groups.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána &amp; Dublin City Council.</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>The Juvenile Liaison Officer implements the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme aimed at supporting juveniles in deviating from a criminal path into law abiding citizens. The Garda Schools Programme continues to be implemented by Community Policing Unit Gardai and is aimed at educating and encouraging the young to remain law abiding citizens.</p> <p><b>Provincial cricket sessions</b> will continue on Friday nights from 5pm – 9.30pm. These are held in the North County Cricket Club where a number of players from the South East Area are involved. Players are between 10-18 years of age.</p> <p><b>Sport Na nÓg:</b> This initiative, in conjunction with City Quay National School, takes place in the school every Wednesday morning from 9.30am – 10.30am (ongoing until end of school term).</p> <p><b>Multi Sport Easter Camp:</b> A Multi Sport Easter Camp will take place in Irishtown Stadium for children aged 8 – 16. The camp runs from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April in partnership with the FAI Soccer Camp. Children will get taster sessions in cricket, rugby, athletics, boxing and much more.</p>
<p>To liaise with National Government Bodies in coordinating sports programmes .</p>	<p>Regular communication with National Government Bodies</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána &amp; Dublin City Council</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>This work is continuing throughout the District.</p> <p>The local <b>Rugby</b> Development Officer will be running several primary &amp; secondary school tag rugby blitzes during May and June.</p> <p><b>Citywide Rugby Schools Blitz:</b> This event will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> of June in Irishtown Stadium and sixteen schools from across the city will participate.</p>

# HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 3 –PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

## (Lord Mayors Commission on Anti-Social Behaviour & South East Area JPC)

To work together to promote the positive benefits of diversity within the community

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Promote Garda Services and the role of the Garda Ethnic Liaison Officers to make migrant communities aware of the Garda Intercultural and Diversity Office to encourage them to report crimes including racist incidents</p>	<p>Support community organisations to help promote good relationships between different communities and to establish links between immigrant communities and the Gardaí and facilitate and promote the appropriate reporting of racist incidents.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>The Community Policing Unit /Juvenile Liaison Officer interact with schools / clubs /parents in an effort to educate and encourage the youth in participating in recreational educational / activities.</p> <p>The Juvenile Liaison Officer implements the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme emphasising to juveniles and their parents the benefits of participating in educational / and recreational activities.</p> <p>The Garda Schools Programme continues to be implemented by the Community Policing Unit Gardai.</p> <p>Garda diversity two day training course held in Pearse Street 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13 April 2017.</p> <p>Garda Clinics in the three mosques located in the DMR South Central.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with diverse &amp; faith communities.</p> <p>Ethnic Liaison Officers at each station continue to support our new communities and encourage them to report any such crime.</p>

# HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 4 - WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA JPC

## (South East Area JPC)

**To enhance the structure and relationship between the Joint Policing Subcommittee and the Community Safety Fora**

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Enhance the structure and relationship between the Joint Policing Subcommittee and the Community Safety Fora</p> <p>Review &amp; evaluate the effectiveness of JPC and CSF structures with the objective of improving performance.</p>	<p>Quarterly meetings of South East Area JPC Steering Committee to review and evaluate performance of JPC</p> <p>Bi- annual meetings with the Steering Committee and CSF representatives</p>	<p>JPC Steering Committee</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>	<p>No issues formally referred to JPC in Quarter 2.</p> <p>Ringsend/Irishtown CSF are due to meet on <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017</b></p> <p>Pearse Street CSF met on <b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>.</p>